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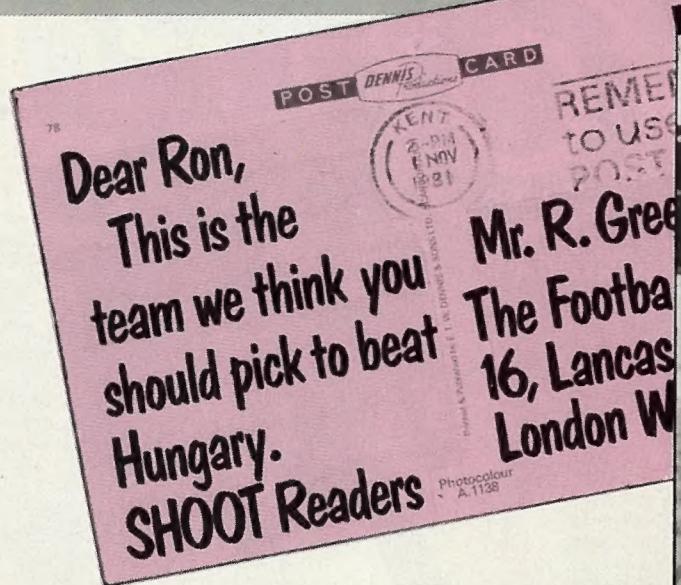
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THE YOUNG ONES!



THE message from SHOOT readers to Ron Greenwood is loud and clear: put your faith in the young ones to beat Hungary at Wembley — and if the worst happens and England don't qualify, you should resign.

The response to our request for you to tell us which team you'd like to see line-up against Hungary was phenomenal, proving that despite the disaster of Norway, England fans still care deeply about their national team.

Some positions were clear-cut. One or two we almost needed a recount, so close was your choice.

On this page is the team SHOOT readers would most like to see go into the most important match England have played since losing to Poland eight years ago under the same circumstances — Wembley victory means World Cup glory.

Peter Shilton collected twice as many votes as Ray Clemence. The Spurs 'keeper wasn't at his best in Norway and no doubt this influenced you. Ironically since the Oslo defeat, Clem and the Spurs defence have proved to be almost unbeatable — but it was still Shilton for you.

Criticism

Evergreen Mick Mills and the recently dropped Kenny Sansom would, in your opinion, make the best pair of full-backs. Phil Neal, despite Press criticism, still polled a lot of votes, but it was fairly decisive that the experience of Mills and the youthful enthusiasm of Sansom were preferred.

Dave Watson, now 35, was out of favour with you, even though Greenwood may be tempted to play the Southampton stopper against The Magyars.

You went for Phil Thompson and Russell Osman. The young Ipswich centre-half was not impressive in Norway and hasn't yet come to grips with soccer at this level. But



England skipper Kevin Keegan on target in Budapest.



your opinion seemed to be that he must be given the chance and playing alongside the Liverpool captain is the ideal combination.

It was in midfield that the voting was closest. An amazing 98 per cent of readers chose Bryan Robson — the only ever-present in England's up-and-down World Cup campaign.

Manchester United's record buy

has been the only England player to do himself justice since the 1980 European Championship (for which he wasn't chosen) and very few readers wanted an England team without 'Pop'.

And despite Glenn Hoddle's indifferent form for his country, most of you wanted the Spurs man in your team. Perhaps Glenn does promise more than he's achieved for England . . . but as he says himself, he needs a run of games to really feel part of the side

— and there's no denying he is one of the few players around with the sort of skill to win a game single-handed.

The last place in midfield was a photo-finish between Trevor Brooking and the rejuvenated Ray Wilkins. Perhaps a combination of Brooking's injuries this season and Wilkins' struggle to find his touch made you wary.

By the narrowest of margins the West Ham man was given the nod.

In attack, it was clear from the early votes that Paul Mariner would be your target man, with Kevin Keegan alongside him. In fact, like Robson, only a handful of readers selected a team without Keegan, who was also your overwhelming choice as captain.

More votes

What was a surprise (to us, anyway) was that Peter Barnes gained more votes than Steve Coppell as the England winger.

Coppell has never let England down and many thought his absence through injury in Oslo was decisive.

Barnes' appearances have been mostly as sub over the past couple



Thank you for your help... Thank you for you

BACK ROW: Russell Osman, Phil Thompson, Peter Shilton, Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson, Trevor Brooking.
FRONT ROW: Kenny Sansom, Kevin Keegan (captain), Peter Barnes, Paul Mariner, Mick Mills.
 Subs would be: Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell, Peter Withe.



of years and you obviously feel his pace and width are needed against the Hungarians on the big Wembley arena.

Your decisions over Ron Greenwood's future were straight to the point. If England qualify for Spain, he should stay.

If England blow it, Greenwood should step down... to allow Brian Clough (and Peter Taylor) to take over.

It was virtually a no contest for your choice of Greenwood's successor(s). Cloughie was the choice of four out of five readers, although whether the Forest man fits the image that the F.A. have of an England manager is another matter.

Greenwood's team to play the Hungarians will no doubt be similar to yours; but our guess is he'll go for — Shilton; Neal, Thompson, Watson, Mills; Wilkins, Robson, Brooking; Coppell, Mariner, Keegan.

He'll try to keep as closely as possible to the side that won 3-1 in Budapest. But whoever he picks let's hope that having been given a lifeline by Switzerland's win in Rumania, England make the most of it.

'Greenwood the wrong man for England'

says MIKE CHANNON

MIKE Channon has a blistering response to those who claim that problems with attitude, too much money and lack of class are responsible for England's failures in recent times.

Channon, an England international 46 times from 1973 to 1978, says: "It drives me mad to hear such rubbish. I can hardly believe the nonsense that has been talked in recent months.

"I see English clubs beating almost everyone in sight in Europe. I see some marvellously exciting club matches. I see players drained at the end of matches; I see youngsters doing wonderful things with a football.

"One thing that is wrong is that too much attention is paid to managers and what they are up to. The players are the ones that count. They win you matches, not managers.

"But I believe the only thing wrong with England is the manager," says Channon. "I've said it before and I'll say it again. Don't get me wrong — I have no personal grudge against Ron Greenwood. I happen to believe he is a gentleman, a nice man. But I don't believe he is the right man for the job.

"Perhaps Ron does what the media thinks, rather than what he himself feels... I don't know. But

whatever it is, I don't believe he has picked the right sides in recent years.

"You always get great players developing from a side which has a good blend. To my mind, the blend hasn't been right in the England side for some time. Kevin Keegan and Trevor Francis are two great players, but playing them together, as Greenwood did in Norway, was wrong. You need different players to blend in — you don't just pick the 11 most famous names and say that's a side."

Channon scorns suggestions that the youngsters are coming through with the wrong attitude.

"The only problem with the youngsters is that they have to contend with this Under 21 scheme.

"I believe it is far better to have an Under 23 side, because it gives the England manager more chance to bring in kids with more experience."

'Ability'

Channon adds: "It's not a case of us not having the quality these days. I firmly believe we have the ability, and that goes for the youngsters, too.

"England ought to have a bright future at club and international level. All this talk of major setbacks and disasters in the game is putting everyone under more pressure. It's about time people recognised that there is still a lot right with English football."



Ron Greenwood puts Trevor Francis through his paces.



Football is fun again

Tmight seem an extravagant statement to make a third of the way through the season, but if you want five-star entertainment and full value for money in your leisure time, there are worse ways of spending your money than by standing on the terraces at your local League club.

Dare we say it — football is fun again!

Fresh hope for professional soccer's future has been generated by a noticeable, and welcome, change of attitude from League clubs this season.

Managers and players alike appear to have opted for attack as the best form of defence, a welcome trend at a time when fewer and fewer fans were prepared to risk their money watching dull 0-0 draws.

Time will determine whether the introduction of the new points system was responsible for a greater effort to play more attractive football, but there is every hope that the 1981-82 season will emerge as something of a watershed in the English game.

Goals, once the lifeblood of football when Dixie Dean, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charlton were at their prime, are flowing again to the delight of fans all over the country.

SHOOT! view!

No fewer than 71 goals were scored in one evening alone, a marvellous tally in a programme of only 18 League matches on the night of October 20.

Four and five goal scorelines have become a regular occurrence in all four Divisions. Luton, promotion pacemakers in the Second Division, managed to crack six into Grimsby's net, four of them coming from striker Steve White.

Swansea, Tottenham, Ipswich, Nottingham Forest and West Ham, early pacemakers in the First Division, are all noted for their positive, fluent styles, offering full entertainment value.

"We'll settle for a point," is often not the order of the day. The margin between three points for victory and one for a draw has heavily influenced the attitudes of managers.

The probability of England's unexpected appearance in next summer's World Cup Finals and the domestic game's determination to brighten its shoddy image are marvellous bonuses for England's long suffering football fans.

Those who deserted football would be wise to go back to the terraces they left. There is a smile on the face of soccer again.

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MEL Eves has turned down a new long term contract and is staying at Wolves on a week to week basis.

Eves insists: "In the past I have been used wide on the left but I know my best position is in and around the box. There is much more scope for me as a front runner."

To underline what he says Eves was outstanding with two goals against Notts County when he was recalled. That gave his argument a boost.

However he admits: "There is still a long way to go but I hope I have already impressed the manager. Now I want to leave no doubt in his mind as to what is my best position."

O'KEEFE IN A TANGLE

EVERTON striker Eamonn O'Keefe is to seek a personal hearing with F.I.F.A. in an effort to clear up the mess that has put him in an international limbo.

O'Keefe made his debut for Eire against Wales last February. However, two days after the game F.I.F.A. ruled that he was ineligible to play for Eire after earlier clearing both O'Keefe and his then Everton colleague Jim McDonagh.

While with Mossley O'Keefe had played for England in a semi-professional game against Holland at Stafford in 1978.

Eamonn now holds an Irish passport and cannot play for England. Surely the world body can clear up the mess and allow the player another chance of international football.

SHEFFIELD United's former manager Martin Peters received some consolation after resigning in June. He received a signing on fee of £25,000, one year's salary of £25,000, a £25,000 golden handshake, and a £10,000 club car.

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McMenemy reject tipped for England

DEFENDER Graham Roberts, the 22-year-old surprise packet of the Tottenham team and whose name is being whispered in some quarters as a possibility for the England squad, was once turned down by Lawrie McMenemy.

The Saints boss told Southampton-born Roberts that he would never make it and he drifted into non-League soccer with Weymouth. Spurs then snapped him up for £35,000 in July last year.

Roberts says: "Obviously I am pleased to have proved him wrong, but that is as far as it goes. I've forgotten all about my Southampton days now. Spurs are the only side that matters to me."

The powerful defender got his chance for Spurs when Terry Yorath, who later moved on to American football, was injured.

That was late in 1980 and Roberts has not looked back since. Team boss Keith Burkinshaw said at the time: "Graham is in the side on merit."



NEWS DESK

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SHAME — the passing is terrible

STAN CULLIS once bet Johnny Hancocks, Wolves right-winger in their glory days more than 20 years ago, that he could not hit a crossbar in ten shots from a distance of ten yards inside the halfway line.

Johnny's first attempt missed the woodwork by a fraction. His second gave the crossbar a resounding smack.

"I never attempted any further reckless betting with Johnny on accuracy," reveals Cullis, the former Molineux boss.

The point of his story is that he believes standard of passing has deteriorated alarmingly in recent seasons. His Wolves wingmen, Hancocks and Jimmy Mullen, could send wing-to-wing passes to feet with deadly accuracy.

Many professionals today struggle in that department, Cullis maintains. Glenn Hoddle, Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, the Tottenham trio, are notable exceptions, he says.

Frank Worthington (below, Birmingham) and Alan Ball (Southampton) are also good distributors of the ball.

Cullis learned the importance of accuracy the hard way. The Wolves manager in his playing days allowed him only three bad passes a match.

"If I exceeded that I would have to report for an afternoon session the following week to practice," he recalls.

Irish eyes are square

THE Football Association of Ireland have threatened to withdraw permission from the Irish Television Station (RTÉ) to relay 'Match of the Day'.

At present the popular BBC programme goes out on Irish screens at 11.20pm on Saturday nights after a popular local chat show.

There have been complaints that schoolboys are turning up for games on Sunday mornings bleary eyed after being up until after midnight.

As the governing body of soccer in Eire, the F.A.'s permission must be obtained in all matters relating to the game, and that includes televised coverage.

SHAME — Welsh fans' madness

WHAT kind of madness has gripped Welsh football? When every spectator at Swansea's Vetch Field for the recent Wales v Iceland World Cup game should have been enthusiastically backing the national team, many were fighting Swansea City v Cardiff City battles.

"I will not be popular for saying so — but it was dreadful," says Wales manager Mike England. "Didn't they realise that it was their country, not their clubs out there? All that mattered should have been the challenge Wales were making for a place in the World Cup Finals."

It seems that Cardiff supporters were envious of six Swansea players being selected on their club pitch; in turn, the Swansea supporters jeered their rivals and police were needed to sort out the conflict.

Swansea's superb success in the First Division could be blighted by sections of the crowd. Manager John Toshack visibly displayed his anger against them following a home win against Notts County when they jeered goalkeeper Dai Davies; then he criticised in print the behaviour at the Iceland match.



'MY MISTAKE'

ADmits SHILTON EIGHT YEARS LATER

EIGHT years almost to the month after Poland destroyed England's hopes of qualifying for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, Peter Shilton admits that he was to blame for the goal Alf Ramsey's team conceded at Wembley in the 1-1 draw.

Nottingham Forest's England goalkeeper claims it was the worst moment of his career "because I felt I should have saved that Anton Domarski shot which brought Poland their goal."

"It was a difficult situation for me because Domarski struck the ball exceptionally well on a greasy surface and I was a little unsighted by Emlyn Hughes's desperate attempt to block

the shot. The ball went through Emlyn's legs."

"Even though I made the mistake of attempting the perfect save, instead of concentrating just on keeping the ball out of the net, I tried to scoop it up into my body and the pace of the ball beat me."

Eight years on, England face another World Cup cliffhanger, against Hungary, at Wembley. Peter Shilton might blame himself for conceding the Poland goal, but few football fans would hold him totally responsible for one of the blackest days in England's history.

Here's hoping he makes it to Spain . . .

THURLES TOWN have broken two records this season. On the opening day of the season they suffered their worst defeat when losing 7-0 to Shamrock Rovers. However, two weeks later they broke that record by being hammered 8-0 by Athlone Town.

ANOTHER honour for Johnny Giles. The former Eire boss has had a horse race named after him. The executive of the Navan race track devoted one day's racing to Irish sporting personalities and included among them was the name Johnny Giles.

Centenary Book

EAST Stirlingshire have taken the ambitious step of publishing a book on their history to mark their 100th birthday this year.

The book, by sports journalist Alan McMillan, details the Scottish First Division club's often traumatic past, including the legal battle which resulted when the club was moved from its home town of Falkirk in the 1960s to Clydebank 30 miles away.

Supporters fought the move in court and eventually had Shire's playing headquarters restored to Falkirk.

The book also features some of the famous players who started their careers at Firs Park — people like Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood, former Chelsea full-back Eddie McCreadie and St Mirren winger Ian Scanlon.

WAYNE ENTWISTLE's career is at a crossroads at Blackpool. The former Sunderland and Leeds United striker is open to offers.

Wayne has struggled since his move from Leeds for £60,000. His performances for Blackpool reserves suggest that he can still produce the goods — in opposing penalty areas.

Gary's Scotland hopes

GARY Gillespie (right) is hoping that his form for Coventry this season will win him a full Scotland cap.

The central defender, who forms a solid partnership with Paul Dyson at Highfield Road, has been told by Jock Stein that if he maintains progress he could win Scotland honours.

"I can go further," says Gary. "Jock Stein said so. I would certainly love to."

Gillespie and Dyson have tightened up considerably since Dave Sexton's arrival at Coventry. They play the ball upfield carefully in the style adopted by Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen at Liverpool.

LOVELY

NICE touch from Ipswich boss Bobby Robson. The League leaders' manager recently handed over a present to his board of directors — a replica of the F.A. Cup to commemorate the club's famous Wembley win in 1978. Chairman Patrick Cobbold said: "It was a lovely gesture which came right out of the blue."



NORWICH City are hoping they have unearthed a couple of bright young prospects from New Zealand.

Shane Rufer and his brother Wynton are in the reserves — but they are hoping for better things to come.

Both arrived from New Zealand through the fine ambassadorial work of midfield star Peter Mendham, who played for Mirrora for a summer season this year.

BANKS HITS HARD TIMES



GORDON Banks, arguably the greatest goalkeeper ever seen, is almost on the dole.

The man who helped England win the World Cup in 1966 and was subsequently awarded an O.B.E. has held a variety of jobs since his career was cut short because of an eye injury.

Now, Banks is out of work and says: "I'm thinking about social security, but there's a lot of pride involved.

"I'm more disappointed than bitter that I'm not still involved in football. I believe there is a need for specialist goalkeeper training.

"Managers pay millions for strikers, yet too often neglect the guy at the other end of the field.

"I didn't win 73 caps by fluke and I feel my experience could help someone."

MIDDLESBROUGH and Northern Ireland international forward Terry Cochrane has signed a new two-year contract for the North-East club.

Manager Bobby Murdoch paid tribute to the new maturity of a player who has had his share of problems on and off the field. "Cochrane has shown a better attitude and a willingness to accept responsibilities," he said.

"Cochrane is a favourite of the Boro crowd and has a great chance of going to Spain with Northern Ireland if he continues to turn it on in the First Division."

Peter prefers Canada

PETER Beardsley has already ringed March 1 in his 1982 diary.

That is the day the Carlisle striker is due to return for his second season with Vancouver Whitecaps.

And his enthusiasm for the Canadian club makes it clear that interested teams in England have little chance of landing him before the end of his three-year contract with the Whitecaps.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my first summer over there and I'm already looking forward to returning," said Beardsley, who joined Vancouver from Carlisle earlier this year.

"I've heard reports that some English clubs are still interested in signing me, but they can forget it. I'm going back to Vancouver."

HARRY PHILP, 21 year-old student, has written himself into the Edinburgh University football club's history books.

Playing against Selkirk in an East Scotland League game, Philp scored three goals in the first half then went on to score another four after the interval, bringing his total to seven in an 8-0 victory.

Briefly

• Toyota, the Japanese motor company, will sponsor the second single-leg European-South American Cup Final.

It will take place in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium on Sunday, December 13, between Liverpool, Champion club of Europe, and the winners of the South American Club Cup.

• Orient's faithful fans breathed a sigh of relief

when Tommy Cunningham scored an 83rd minute equaliser in the home 1-1 draw with QPR on Oct. 18th.

That was Orient's first League goal for eight games since Sept. 5th.

• Wolves have put 20 year old forward Craig Moss on the transfer list at his own request.

Moss has played three First Division games and he says: "I need a lengthy run in the first team to show

what I can go and prove myself. I have never been given that chance."

• Former Everton striker David Smallman may have left the big time, but is enjoying himself with Bangor City. Says Dave, now 28: "I'm happier than I have been for a long time. It is a grand set-up at Bangor with super people and the directors are obviously trying to build up a good club."

The style is familiar



MANCHESTER City reserves received the shock of their lives when Wolves reserves turned up at Maine Road for a Central League game.

Ten of the team had First Division experience, the only exception being 16 year-old Steve Pugh.

The Wolves side included John Richards, Willie Carr, George Berry, Peter Daniel and Colin Brazier.

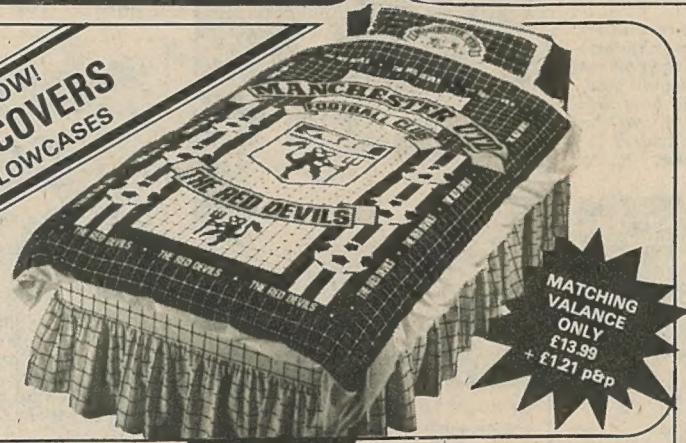
Not surprisingly Wolves won 3-0.

COWDENBEATH's marksman Billy Steele has settled his differences with the Fifers club and following a series of month-to-month contracts has signed up for two years. To demonstrate that there were no ill-feelings, 24 hours after getting his new contract he scored a hat-trick against Montrose in The Fifers recent 6-0 victory. Gordon Forrest scored the other three.

Eye on the ball, arms extended for balance, a sweeping follow through of the boot to send the ball rocketing goalwards . . . Laura Jane, resplendent in Southampton kit, cannot disguise the fact that she is the three year-old daughter of England and Saints star Kevin Keegan.

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'EMLYN AS GOOD AS CLOUGH!'

says Rotherham's Tony Towner

EMLYN Hughes rivals Brian Clough for ability to motivate players! That's the firm belief of a player who has seen both men's work at close range — current Rotherham winger Tony Towner.

Towner says the enthusiasm of new Rotherham boss Emlyn Hughes marks him down as a man for the future in the managerial world. And Towner, the man who played for Brighton during Brian Clough's short period in charge of the Sussex club, says: "Emlyn has the same enthusiasm, the same ability to get players playing as Clough."

"Emlyn's knowledge of the game speaks for itself and I'm certain we are going to do well under him. He admits he isn't too keen on all the paperwork involved with being boss, but he loves getting out on to the training ground to work with the lads.

'Respected'

"I think the fact that he's played at the highest level makes him more respected than most. He is in touch with the modern game, and that is important."

Hughes took over at Millmoor from Ian Porterfield, who moved on to Sheffield United. Towner says: "I played under Porterfield for a year and he had the same bubbling enthusiasm as our new boss. I think young managers like these two get more out of their players."

"Emlyn is very fair. You have the feeling you are in to stay, as long

as you do the business. He has no favourites, which is good."

But Hughes' greatest strength comes at around 2pm on a Saturday, says Towner. "Clough was unbelievable when it came to the pre-match gee-up — the best I had ever known. But Hughes is as good and I can't offer bigger praise. That is a sign of a good manager — his ability to motivate his players on match day.

"Emlyn gives us run-downs on the other team but doesn't worry too much about the opponents. His view is 'they will be worried about us if we do our job'.

"Without hard work, you get nothing in this game and Emlyn realises that. But he doesn't run us to death — he likes to use the ball as much as possible in training.

"At the start of this season, I thought we would do well to stay in the Second Division. After all, we came up just last May. But if we start to finish off the chances we have been creating, I firmly believe we can get into the top half of the table this season.

"One thing is certain — having someone with Emlyn Hughes' experience to lead us must be an enormous benefit. It's certainly looking that way."



Emlyn Hughes with Rotherham chairman Anton Johnson.

YOU ARE THE REF

compiled by Keith Hackett



1

With time running out, a goalkeeper advances from his area to take a throw-in. Should you allow this?

2

A manager asks permission for one of his players to play wearing a plaster cast on his arm to protect an old injury. Should you allow him to play?

3

Following an argument between two teammates, the captain of the team tells you that he is sending off one of his players. Is he allowed to do this?

MATCH POINT

• This week I would like to talk about injuries that occur during 90 minutes of a game. It is very difficult to judge whether a player is seriously hurt or not. I draw the line when someone is suffering from a head injury. I immediately blow my whistle and let the trainer on. I also tend to do the same when a goalkeeper receives a knock. On the other hand if it is an injury to the leg or thigh I generally insist the trainer or physiotherapist take the player off and treat him on the touch-line. But it all comes back to the judgment of an official. It's down to how one sees the situation.

ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. You must decide whether the cast constitutes a danger to either the player or his colleagues or opponents. With modern technology, soft rubber around the ligament, soft rubber send a player off the field of play. 3. No. Only the referee can perform below their usual standard. Whether the referee or his colleagues or opponents wear this sort of protection often to play that much easier. But I have noticed that players wear ing this sort of protection often to play that much easier. But I have noticed that players wear

LIVERPOOL v EVERTON. The rival captains

PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world



'You daren't put a foot wrong'

THIS Saturday the Mersey air will be an electric red, white and blue for the first of our League derbies.

The big match is the major talking point in clubs, pubs, factories and schools. No one can escape from it.

As a local-born lad, from the suburb of Kirby, Liverpool's home game with Everton has even more meaning for me. I grew up in a city where everyone owes allegiance to one or other of the Merseyside clubs. It's traditional — like supporting either Oxford or Cambridge in the Boat Race.

Some fans are so fanatical they set more store by the results of derbies than any others. Even a Championship win by Liverpool would be clouded for them if Everton had beaten us on the way.

Evertonians would have liked to have crowded a lot more when their team was above us in the League table following our indifferent start, but they knew in their hearts it was only a question of time before we overhauled them and started to push the leaders.

There's a great relationship off the field between both sets of players and several of us mix socially. I'm matey with Mick Lyons, like me a Scouser born and bred, and we'll often ask favours of each other.

Ten years have passed since Everton overshadowed Liverpool, winning the Championship in 1970, and their board have tried hard to re-create another great side.

They've recalled as manager one of that title-winning team, Howard Kendall, who did such a good job as Blackburn Rovers' boss.

Howard has been very busy in the transfer market, buying in players and

selling some, among them Bob Latchford, now scoring goals that have helped put "new boys" Swansea City top of the First Division class.

The sale of Bob has brought a lot of stick down on Howard from some quarters. Wrongly in my opinion. Bob needed the new challenge to rekindle his enthusiasm for the game. He's much sharper now in every respect.

Howard seems to have elected for the same playing formation as Liverpool — 4-4-2 — and it has brought one big, form-overturning win, against Championship favourites Ipswich when The Blues won 2-1 at Goodison.

This seems to confirm my feeling Everton are one of those in-and-out sides that play well against strong teams and struggle against weaker ones.

The team Howard Kendall fields on the previous Saturday against Manchester City will give us no clue to the make-up of the one we play at Anfield because he's a "horses for courses" manager whose selection is based on picking players to suit the occasion.

When Mick and I lead our teams out at Anfield the chock-a-block stands and the deafening chanting will give that final turn to our personal mechanisms, so we'll kick-off like fully-wound clockwork toys, released all at once.

Breakneck

The first 20 minutes will be strictly not for the football purists, with fierce tackling, breakneck running, and no time to think. After that we'll slow down and hopefully start to play some proper football with style.

League form counts for nothing in Merseyside derbies. Both teams start level, and who comes off best depends on making the fewest mistakes. You daren't put a foot wrong!

Reserve matches between the two clubs are just scaled-down versions, played with the same terrific fervour and will to win. I can remember one time at Goodison, when I was a 16-year-old in the B team, we beat Everton 2-0 and celebrated so much you'd have thought we'd won the F.A. Cup!

For me, the seniors' most memorable win occurred several seasons ago when Liverpool were absolute magic in the first-half and came off leading 3-0 to an ear-battering reception. Everton knuckled down in the second-half and deserved to peg back a goal.

Last season, in March, in front of almost 50,000 people, we won 1-0, with an own goal from John Bailey.

This time we'll be looking for the win bonus of three points without any "gifted goals" from the lads from Goodison!

DERBY DAY FACTS

• This will be the 125th Merseyside derby, and although Liverpool have enjoyed the upper hand in more recent meetings, overall results could hardly be closer.

• Of the 124 League clashes between these sides, Everton have won 44 times, Liverpool 42 and 38 have finished level. Everton have scored 164 goals, while Liverpool

have netted 161 times.

• Of the games played at Anfield, Liverpool have won 24, Everton 19 and 19 have been drawn. Liverpool

look forward to Merseyside's great derby day

ONLY two members of the current Goodison Park staff have experienced an Everton victory at Anfield.

One is manager Howard Kendall, the other is coach Colin Harvey. For Everton haven't won on the ground of their fiercest rivals since they recorded a 2-0 victory on their way to the League Championship back in 1969-70.

For many of the present Everton team, this Saturday's clash will be their first taste of a Merseyside derby. But long-serving skipper Mike Lyons is treading more than familiar ground.

After years of effort he finally tasted victory over Liverpool in last season's F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie at Goodison. Now he would dearly love to add to that experience by winning on 'enemy territory'.

"I don't go into records much," says Lyons. "Just because we haven't won at Anfield for more than 11 years doesn't mean we can't win this time. It has no bearing on the game at all."

"As always we will be going flat out for victory. So will Liverpool. It's always been the same. Three points for a win won't make the slightest difference. Twenty points wouldn't."

Yet although Lyons would dearly love to lead Everton to victory this Saturday, he has learnt from bitter experience not to make any predictions as to the outcome.

'Rammed'

"Eight years ago I said before a derby game that we were going to win," he remembers. "We didn't, and my predictions were rammed right down my throat."

"Everybody takes these games so seriously. If I was to forecast how Saturday's game was to go it would only add to the already intense pressure on the lads."

Although Lyons has never been on the winning side at Anfield, he can recall seeing Everton win at the ground just across Stanley Park.

"It was in 1964-65. Everton won 4-0, and I remember Colin Harvey got one of the goals. I was only a lad, standing on the Anfield Road terrace with all the other Evertonians. Magic."

But not all Lyons' memories of derby games are so happy.

"The year after that win we were hammered 5-0 at their place. What made it even worse was that I had to stand on The Kop in my blue and white scarf because I couldn't get in at the Everton end."

Lyons maintains that the fans are much too keyed up to enjoy these games. It is only after the final whistle that they can enjoy the day . . . if the result has gone the right way.

"Everything goes so quickly. Last season's Cup-tie seemed to last about half an hour."

"Some people say that Everton take these games more seriously than Liverpool because for us it's like a Cup Final. That's rubbish."

"It will mean every bit as much to Liverpool, particularly after their slow

'Don't bet on us smashing Anfield hoodoo' warns MIKE LYONS

start to the season."

Having drawn three of their first five home games in the League, Liverpool know they cannot afford to let more points slip from their grasp if they are to get up among the First Division leaders.

And Lyons knows that he would be wrong to expect Liverpool's current hangover to continue into this Saturday's meeting.

"We could be top and they could be bottom and it still wouldn't make any difference. It's just the best team on the day."

"If you look at results over the last half dozen or so meetings you'd see it's about even. If League form had any bearing on those results Liverpool should have won nearly all of them."

Nevertheless, you can sense that Everton fancy their chances of ending their dismal run at Anfield this time.

After a shaky start to the season, there are signs that Howard Kendall's team is developing an understanding which should see them comfortably placed in the top half of the table for the rest of the season.

Not that you'll draw Mike Lyons into a prediction. "Obviously I'll be giving my all for victory, but I'm not saying it's going to happen."

"Last season's games were spoiled for me because there were some nasty chants from the terraces."

"Everton-Liverpool games are famous for their good humour. Nobody wants that to change."

"So this Saturday I'll be keeping my fingers crossed for an Everton win and some terrace friendliness."

"Will it happen? Who knows . . ."

Everton players celebrate during their F.A. Cup Fourth Round victory last term.



have scored 93 times in these games, with Everton scoring 81 in reply.

• The most emphatic home victory

at Anfield came in the 1935-36 season when Liverpool won 6-0. Everton's best performance at their rival's ground came with a 5-0 victory way back in 1914-15.

• The highest scoring of all Merseyside derby meetings? That was in 1932-33, when Liverpool won at Anfield by an amazing 7-4 scoreline.

• Liverpool have won the Football League Championship a record 12 times, while their rivals Everton have recorded seven title triumphs.

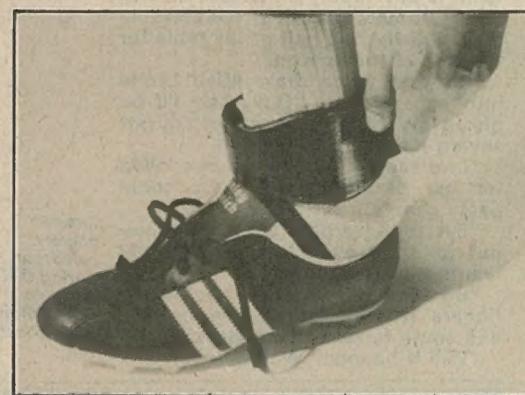
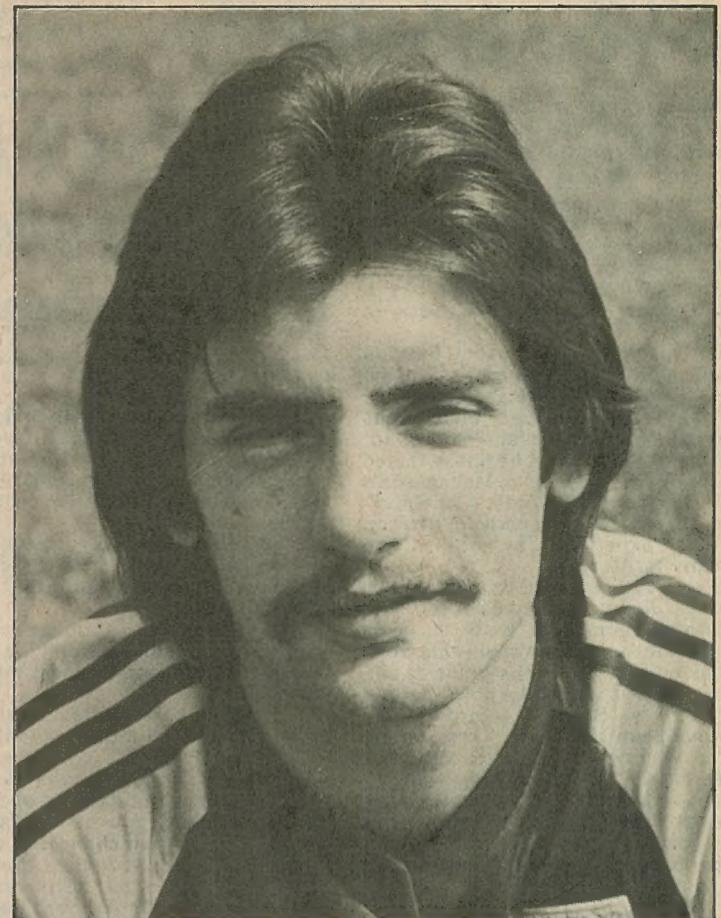
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says Alan Devonshire**

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★ This week's Star Letter comes from Hugh Jamieson of Port Glasgow, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

NOT ALL FANS ARE 'MORONS'

I'M glad to say that, contrary to popular opinion, not all British football supporters who follow their team abroad are mindless morons who cause riots and destruction. Despite the horrific scenes of Turin when Celtic supporters were attacked by rioting Italians, the fans behaved responsibly and made their departure from Turin as quickly as possible instead of retaliating. On the Channel crossing from Dieppe to Newhaven the fans cheered up a group of several handicapped children from the Challey Heritage home in Sussex. The children were given Celtic scarves and hats and were treated to drinks, sweets and cakes. The supporters carried groups of children round the ferry and played games to keep them occupied. Finally the fans clubbed together and raised about £40 for the children. By the responsible way they behaved in Turin and by their actions on the way home Celtic supporters proved that all football supporters are not morons intent on causing destruction. • Sadly, good news isn't considered newsworthy most of the time, while bad news invariably makes the headlines. It would be nice to think England fans could follow Celtic supporters' example.

The world's laughing



AFTER reading recent Goal-Lines, I couldn't help but suppress a bored yawn at some of the excuses that poured in at England's defeat in Norway.

The truth behind England's repeated failures at this level is simply that the players are not as good as they are made out to be. Trevor Francis (above) is not a world-class striker, Glenn Hoddle only seems to play for 20 minutes, Kevin Keegan is past it, etc, etc.

Until the English realise this the rest of the world will continue to laugh at their performances and excuses.

DAVID MUDIE,
EDINBURGH.

• England may yet have the last laugh — and qualify.

Greenwood's too nice

I FEEL that the problem with Ron Greenwood's management is simply that he is too nice.

A good example of this was shown against Norway. He played Ray Cle-

mence in preference to Peter Shilton, simply to get Ray's confidence back after his bad start to the season with Tottenham.

Had he been firm and played Shilton, who was playing well at the time, England need never have conceded that terrible first goal.

I appreciate that Ron Greenwood's faith in Ray will probably be rewarded in future matches with dazzling displays, but it doesn't alter the score in Oslo that has probably smashed England's chances of reaching Spain.

JOHNNY HASLAM,
AYLESBURY.

• A sad comment on soccer when being nice is a bad thing.

A right to boo

YOUR correspondent R. Johnson subscribes to the old myth that Spurs' fans are more fickle than others.

I have watched Tottenham for 24 years and have seen them play on 53 different grounds.

I've missed half a dozen home matches in the last 16 years.

Renewing our season tickets cost my wife and I just under £200. For every home match we have 106 miles round trip. When they win I'm elated, when they lose I'm depressed all week.

So don't anyone dare tell me that after all this expenditure of effort, time, money and sheer emotion I haven't got the right to praise or decry the team however I see fit.

Being a loyal supporter is a love-hate relationship and if you only see good in your team you've got rose coloured specs on.

The people who rant and rage on the terraces do so because they CARE. If they didn't they wouldn't be there.

And don't forget, Mr. Johnson, that Spurs have thirty-odd thousand for every home match, and if that is fickle then I suggest you buy a new dictionary.

PAUL CROOK,
SITTINGBOURNE.

• I suppose it depends on how you

define 'support'. Some fans believe they should get behind any player who plays for the club — others pay their money and show their disapproval.

Royal Ron

THERE seems no end to Ron Atkinson's pursuit of publicity and sensation firstly with the possible return of George Best and culminating in the signing of Bryan Robson on the Old Trafford pitch.

It is a great pity that Buckingham Palace was not available. The signing could have been done in the Throne Room with the Lord Chamberlain as witness.

STEPHEN WASH,
GREAT BARR.

• Ron Atkinson is a personality. Football needs personalities. Personalities sell the game.

Stay away

THE disgraceful performance by England's so-called fans during the FIFA World Youth Championship is just the sort of thing Australian soccer does NOT need at the moment.

The soccer is recovering from a dismal World Cup showing.

The kind of thuggery we witnessed at the England-Argentina game will deter people from going to games and our crowds are bad enough now.

The Argentine fans were also to blame but we in Australia tend to look to England as an example to follow.

Their club and international teams are a more than welcome addition to our season but please keep you "fans" away.

MICHAEL SIMONYI,
BRISBANE.

• None of those arrested were British

citizens. It seems like those who blanched England's name this time were locals. The Sydney Cricket Ground, with its infamous Hill, is not unknown to crowd violence, though.

Mighty Germans



RECENTLY on television I enjoyed West Germany's thrashing of Finland in a World Cup qualifier. They showed England how it can be done in a 7-1 victory and their triumph was just reward for good passing and finishing.

Obviously their attitude was also right as they shrugged off a controversial equaliser and slammed the Finns.

Only two of their seven goals were headers and every goal was scored from inside the penalty box.

Would it be possible to show our England players a video recording of their victory to show them how it should be done?

P HUNNISSETT,

HOUGHTON REGIS.

• Obviously nobody's told the Germans (above) there's supposed to have been a levelling-off of football in Europe!

What Mick Mills really thinks of Aberdeen

HAVING read the reports in my paper concerning the Aberdeen-Ipswich game, I am left wondering whether Mick Mills has been correctly quoted — or if he is just the sourest grape in the game.

He has been quoted as saying: "We played well and Aberdeen didn't." "I was not really impressed with Aberdeen, and I don't think they played at all."

That being the case, what may I ask were the UEFA Cup holders up to? Conceding three goals to a team who didn't play at all?

In contrast, the comments of manager Bobby Robson were reserved, and unable to hide his disappointment, but at least they were fairly accurate and credited Aberdeen with some talent.

Mills also launched into a torrent of abuse concerning the Aberdeen fans, saying "They must be the worst fans in the country!"

Although he is obviously in a state of shock, as just about everybody connected with Ipswich seems to be at the moment, Mills' comments smack of a little boy whose game has been spoiled,

or more to the point, a big boy whose game has been spoiled by a smaller boy whom he thought wouldn't dare try it.

Ipswich were beaten fair and square by a team who out-played them over two legs.

The cynical attitude of Mills is sickening and does nothing for the man. He obviously expected a walkover. Does he respond like this every time Ipswich lose a game?

ANDREW COGHILL,
ABERDEEN.

• Ipswich (below, light shorts) are very upset at how the captain was seriously misquoted. For a truer indication of how Mills felt about Aberdeen, I reprint some of his comments from his article in Town's next home programme: "There's no way I'm going to say we were unlucky because that would be unfair to Aberdeen. I felt we dictated play for long spells at Pittodrie . . . but with their noses in front and being cheered on by their excited supporters Aberdeen didn't look as if they were going to be caught. I rate Aberdeen as a very good side and I hope they go all the way in the competition."



SPAIN HERE WE COME... VIVA SCOTLAND...

AS Scotland head towards the World Cup Finals the players who have helped them get there realise that they have still to earn that place on world football's greatest stage.

The result in Belfast clinched the place of Jock Stein's team — but the make-up of the team will still depend on the form of players between now and next summer.

There is no way that Stein will fall into the trap which former Scots' boss Ally MacLeod did when he relied in Argentina on some of the players whose club form had slumped in the preceding months.

The man who skippered Scotland in Belfast on the night qualification became secure, midfielder Asa Hartford, stresses that.

He says simply: "Not one of us can take it for granted that we will be going to Spain. It might look as if we are, it might seem that way

when you see that the Big Man has only used around 20 players in the qualifying games . . . but we have to earn our places.

"The way we shall have to do it is to keep playing at our best right up until the summer."

It is the 'big one' even for Hartford who has trod that stage before. Or for Kenny Dalglish and Joe Jordan who have been to the Finals twice before and who will surely travel to Spain for a magnificent hat-trick.

You had only to speak to Liverpool's Graeme Souness after the Belfast match to assess how he felt.

"There is still work to be done," says Souness. "Qualifying is dif-

ficult — but it has to be done. Now we have to build from here and try to keep on improving."

There is that kind of attitude about the Scots, stemming so directly from the wisdom of team boss Stein, which emphasised that the mistakes of Argentina will not be repeated.

Within a week of qualifying Stein and SFA secretary Ernie Walker were in Madrid.

There they met members of the Organising Committee before taking in the World Cup centres, checking hotels and having a look at a pre-World Cup HQ on Portugal's Algarve coast.

The Scots' manager explained: "We don't want too much pressure building on the players by having them in Spain too early. That can bring its own problems.

"We have all seen players becoming bored, edgy and then maybe stale before the games start. What we want to do is give them a week in Portugal if that is possible at a special training camp.

"They'll work there privately, away from the build-up of supporters in Spain, away from the



Jock Stein (left) will be hoping Graeme Souness (above) maintains his fine form.

SO DIFFERENT THIS TIME FOR SCOTLAND

atmosphere they will have to face during the matches there."

Between now and then Stein has one more qualifying match — Portugal in Lisbon on November 18 and two more friendlies plus the British Championship games.

The friendlies will be against Spain in Madrid in February and against Holland at Hampden in March.

He insists: "The forthcoming games will allow us to use fringe players. We'll be able to give them a chance to show what they can do.

"We have qualified and that's fine. Now we want to get there and improve on our last two occasions. That has to be our aim. We have to build on what we have achieved so far.

"Possibly we haven't scored a lot of goals — but it's been a tight section. We haven't conceded many either, don't forget!

"I wanted to have a team who could get results away from Hampden and we qualified from this section by winning two and drawing one of three games away from home.

'Seeding'

"We wanted to end on top, too, because it will help with the seeding."

The Scots could force their way into the second string of seeds when the draw is made in Madrid in January.

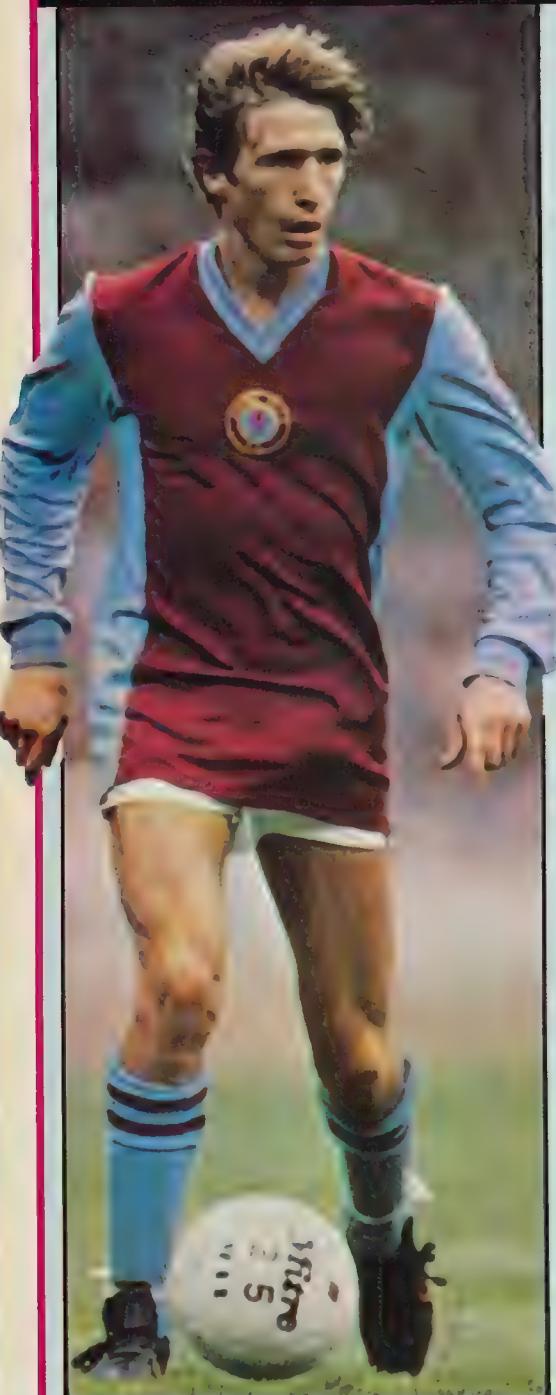
Suggestions from FIFA indicate that the seeds in the six sections would be: Spain, Argentina, West Germany, Brazil, then two from three depending on qualification — Italy, Holland and Belgium.

The Scots because of winning the group and qualifying for the last three Finals would come into the next set of teams.

Stein adds significantly: "When we know the countries we are up against I'll be making arrangements to watch them. I won't go in blind to any of the games!"



Don't praise Champion Cowans!



UNLIKE the vast majority of people connected with Aston Villa, Gordon Cowans has cast all memories of last season as far from his mind as possible.

Cowans, a key figure in Villa's magnificent League Championship win, believes it was his worst season as a professional and has vowed to make amends to manager Ron Saunders and the fans between now and May, 1982.

For someone who played in all 42 First Division games last season, scored five League goals and captained the England Under-21 team in Europe, Cowans is being astonishingly harsh on himself.

It is not unknown for a player under criticism to come back in his own defence. But when he rejects praise and insists on pointing out his failings, it can only mean one thing — the player is setting himself exceptionally high personal standards.

Such is the case with 23-year-old Cowans, who says he has to start impressing England manager Ron Greenwood all over again.

"Last season was a magnificent one for Villa and the supporters. But from a personal point of view it was bitterly disappointing. I started off well enough and really believed I was going to make good progress, both with Villa and the England set-up. But it turned sour for me," he says.

"I can pinpoint when my form began to slide, but as to why remains a very frustrating mystery. I was called into the full England squad for the World Cup game against Rumania, but did not make the final line-up, skippering the Under-21 side against Rumania's Under-21's in Ploesti instead.

"I had a bad game, the whole side struggled and we got hammered 4-0. That was on October 13, just over a year ago, and from that game, things began to go wrong.

"A lot of what makes a player tick is confidence. When you are confident and really believe in your game, you can make things happen, influence a game and lift the lads around you. My confidence melted away as the season progressed.

"It's irony really because while the team was winning, playing exciting football and working steadily towards the title I was fretting because my passing was deteriorating. I was giving the ball away when, in fact, I consider passing to be my greatest strength!

'Dispute'

"I did a good job for the team from a defensive point of view. Nobody will dispute that. But I scored fewer goals than I know I am capable of and did not create enough during games.

"The fans began to have a go, and Mr Saunders talked to me more than once in an effort to restore my confidence. I made my mind up to plug away, keep my place and try to pull my game together.

"One month after that Under-21 game I was picked for the England B side and we beat Australia 1-0 at St. Andrews, Birmingham. That was another great honour and another step along the way for me. But the way I was playing I knew I would have to start all over again in terms of earning a place in the full England side. And that is something I want desperately. I am not the type of person to go on about something like that, but that is how I feel inside."

This season Villa began their defence of the Championship on a none-too-impressive note, struggling to win their early home games and catching their breath on discovering how hard opponents battle to topple Champions.

"We talked about this because we remembered how we used to raise our game to tackle Liverpool. But even so, we have found that teams really set their teeth when they play us. It is a compliment, but a very two-edged one!

"I feel my confidence coming back. No doubt about it. I know what I have to do to recapture my best form, and it will come."

If Gordon Cowans can walk away with a League Championship medal plus England caps at Under 21 and B levels in what he believes was a bad season, the mind boggles about what this slender, gifted player can achieve when he tunes in to his own demanding standards.

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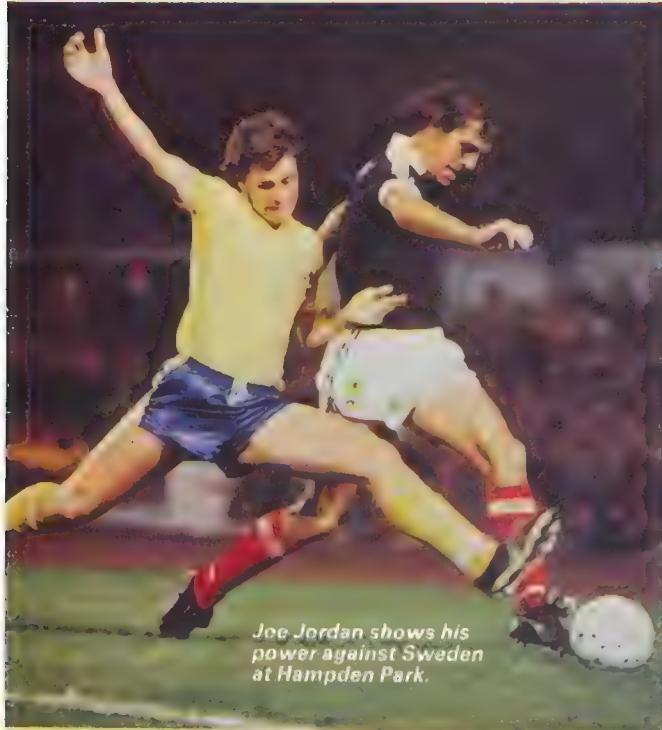
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Viva Scotland!

IT'S that World Cup feeling — again! Scotland have reached the Finals for the third successive time. Here's a look at some of the highlights of their qualifying ties.

Alan Hansen, John Robertson
and Graeme Souness on a lap
of honour in Belfast after the
decisive 0-0 draw against
Northern Ireland.





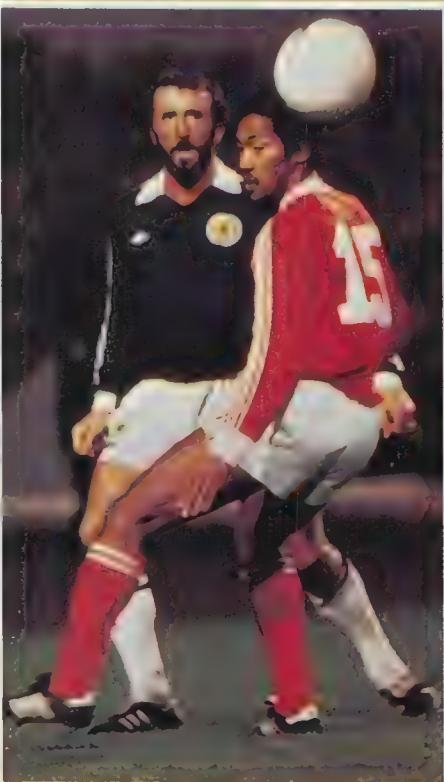
Joe Jordan shows his power against Sweden at Hampden Park.



Northern Ireland's John O'Neill gets to grips with Steve Archibald.

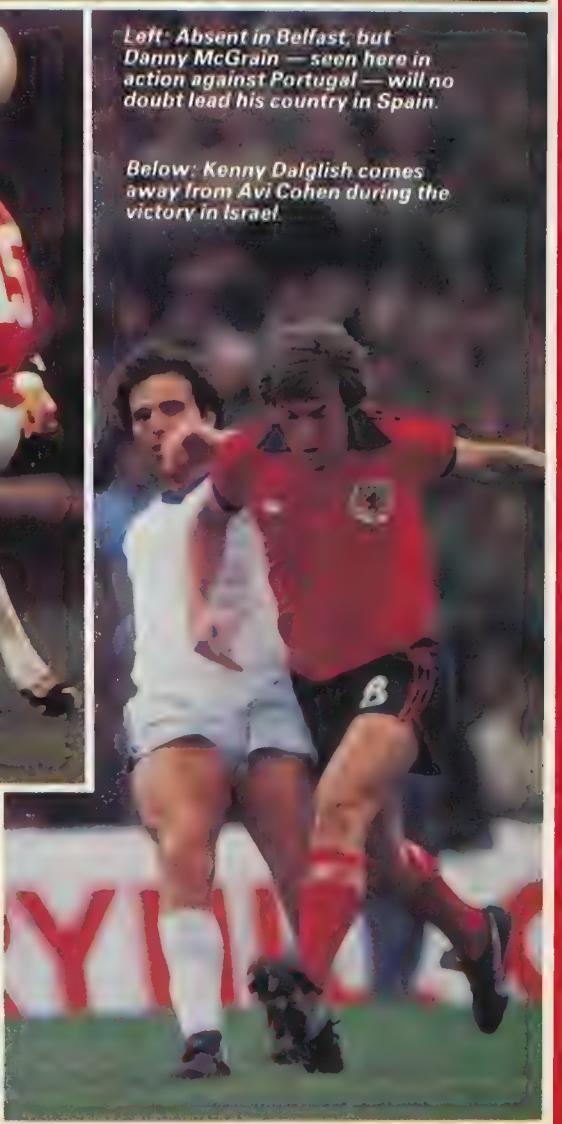


Willie Miller gets the better of Northern Ireland's Jimmy Nicholl during the Belfast draw.



Left: Absent in Belfast, but Danny McGrain — seen here in action against Portugal — will no doubt lead his country in Spain.

Below: Kenny Dalglish comes away from Avi Cohen during the victory in Israel.



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SPAIN HERE WE COME... VIVA SCOTLAND...

IT was a welcome sight to see the tiny flame haired figure of Gordon Strachan in Scotland's World Cup side in Belfast. Back after an injury which sidelined him for most of last season and had him, finally, at a Harley Street specialist. Aberdeen lost their title without him... but Scotland survived in their World Cup qualifying section.

So for Strachan a glimpse of Spain is a bonus he scarcely expected as he fought for fitness during a six months' spell which worried him but never came close to breaking his undeniably spirit.

Strachan is a typical Scottish player to foreign eyes. The little man who will run at defenders with a ball, take them on and go past them to cause damage to his opponents.

He is also the possessor of the grit and tenacity that another Scots' redhead, Billy Bremner showed in West Germany seven years ago.

Stein was the first Scotland boss to recognise all these Strachan qualities and to give him his international opportunity.

Though he came into the team as Stein was carrying out running repairs on it, he, along with others has survived the course.

Now he says: "Obviously if I get to Spain it will be the biggest thrill of my career — and I wouldn't have bet on it happening last season!

"But I'm not there yet. I have to

Gordon Strachan made a successful return to the Scotland side after injury and helped his country to qualify for Spain.



that he is ready to pick us.

"I mean, at Pittodrie we have myself, Willie Miller and Alex McLeish who have played almost all through the World Cup campaign apart from being out through injury."

When the Scots get to Spain in June, Strachan is in no doubts that they will have the quality to do well.

He points out: "The team manager has been concentrating on building up team understanding and I think that is what we will have when we get there.

"Plus we have players who can slow the game down, push the ball about and control the way the game is played.

"That is important and then we can speed things up when it's necessary. That will be important too, to use our own attributes as well as those of other nations.

'Understanding'

"I'm sure the boss will use the extra matches to give other players a chance. Equally he'll be using them to get us together, to keep working at the team understanding.

"Even off the field when we're talking tactics, we often discuss how players like having the ball played to them, when they prefer to get it, which side they would favour in certain situations and so on.

"All little things which count for so much. We are getting there. I'm quite sure of that."

Then Strachan added: "I don't think Tottenham's Steve Archibald



Strachan has the Bremner spirit

Billy Bremner is chaired after Scotland reached the 1974 Finals in West Germany.



keep on playing well in the months between now and next summer. We all realise that. But, it's still hard to appreciate we've qualified. It was so important to every single one of us. To the manager, players, to our whole game. And to our marvellous fans who will travel anywhere to see Scotland in action.

"Personally, I believe that Jock Stein has helped the game here in Scotland by showing so much interest in the clubs at home.

"He has said that if there is a player from a home based club equal in ability in his eyes with a player from England then the home player will go in.

"That's a boost for all of us playing at home and he has shown

is given enough credit. He is a player I think will be a big hit in Spain. I loved playing alongside him when he was with Aberdeen and now it's good that I can link up again in a Scotland team.

"He works hard, makes unselfish runs and scores goals. He was great when he was at Pittodrie but he has become even better since his move to London."

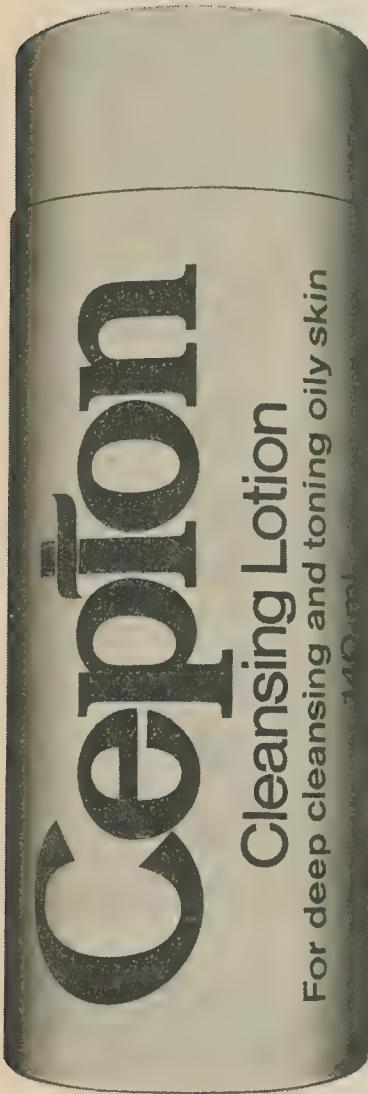
Looking forward to Spain then: "The heat won't be too big a problem because as I've said we can slow it down. And I'm sure the pitches will be perfect.

"They will be showpieces because the world will be looking in and nice lush surfaces won't do anything to harm our hopes. I don't see too many problems on that score.

"Also, Spain apart, I believe that we'll be the best supported team in the Finals. Our fans will be over in their thousands and that is going to make the games like home matches in most cases. That's just another plus."

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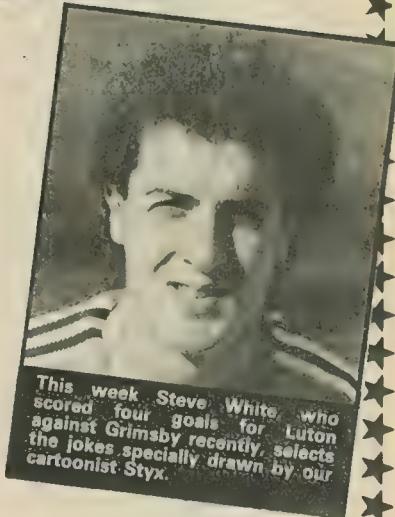
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ONCE a leader, always a leader. The quality is inborn, and for a tangible example one need look no further than Mike Bailey, Brighton's straight-talking manager.

Bailey leads from the front, dismissing what appears to be the current right of so many managers to hide behind cliches, waffle and thundering statements of the totally obvious.

As a player with Charlton, Wolves and England Bailey gave his all, never hid when things went wrong, accepted responsibility and somehow managed to squeeze that little bit extra from the players around him when his own game was out of tune.

As a manager he is adopting the same principles of honesty, hard work and high standards of professionalism.

So when Bailey sets his jaw and says he wants people to expect Brighton to win trophies, he means that everyone connected with Albion must forget all about feel-

ing delighted with simply being in the First Division.

"I am an ambitious man," says Bailey. "I am not content with ensuring that Brighton survive another season at this level. I want people to be surprised when we lose and to omit us from their predictions of which clubs will have a bad season.

"I am an enthusiast about this game. I loved playing, loved the atmosphere of a dressing room, the team spirit, the sense of achievement. As a manager I have come to realise that there are so many other factors involved. Once on that pitch the players are out of my reach; I am left to gain satisfaction from seeing the things we have worked on together during a

match.

"This is all very enjoyable. But I demand that we establish a reputation for neatness and professionalism. I like everything to be neat — passing, ball control, appearance, style. Only when we have become consistent in these areas will Brighton lose, once and for all, the tag of the gutsy little Third Division outfit from the South Coast that did so well to reach the First Division.

"This club has come a long way in a short time. But now is the time to make another big step ... or risk sliding backwards. Too many clubs have done just that — wasted time basking in recent achievements and crashed back to harsh reality. I do not intend for us to spend this season simply consolidating. That has been done in the last few seasons."

Results so far bear out Bailey's belief that Brighton are making

that progress. But what must be stressed is that the team is better because he had the courage to sell some of the most popular players, men the fans held up as the backbone of the squad.

"We sold Mark Lawrenson, Brian Horton and John Gregory. I believe it was necessary because while I agree that a player of Lawrenson's ability, for example, is an exceptional asset, it is not enough to have a handful of assets. We must have a strong First Division squad, one where very good players can come in when injuries deplete the side.

"We brought in Tony Greathouse from Luton, Don Shanks from Q.P.R., Jimmy Case from Liverpool and Steve Gatting and Sammy Nelson from Arsenal. Now the squad is better-balanced. It allows for a permutation of positions and gives adequate cover in most areas.

"I am still looking to improve the squad. The players know that, and that is how it must be at this level. Never become satisfied with your lot."

Brighton play with an aggressive confidence these days. They no longer seem surprised to be ahead in a game and are developing the killer instinct to follow through and bury opponents given half a chance.

But Bailey insists that there are hurdles to overcome before Albion

Brighton for the title!

That's what manager Mike Bailey wants people to say about the South Coast club



Striker Andy Ritchie looks to find a way to goal in the 1-1 draw at Everton this season (above).

Jimmy Case (left) has added steel to the Brighton midfield.



can break through. "We don't have a training ground. We train in a local park. The club has tried to remedy this and I am sure it will. But such things hold you back in terms of generating the feeling of the big-time.

"On the other hand, I must compliment the people who are responsible for getting the club where it is. They built a team, it won promotion twice and the fans flocked in. Now is the time to concentrate on developing the Goldstone Ground. So many top clubs have built the stand first and found their team wanting in too many departments. When we improve our ground we will have the supporters eager to fill it.

'Display'

"And on the pitch we still have progress to make. For example, we lost a close game 2-1 away to Nottingham Forest. I was pleased with the overall display but hampered the lads for being unprofessional. We won a free-kick on the edge of their area and in my opinion we should never have allowed them to get the ball into our half, let alone force the corner that led to the winning goal! Only when we have overcome such lapses will we establish ourselves as a club and a team to be feared."

Only people who are not dedicated to making Bailey's dream of Brighton a reality need have anything to fear.

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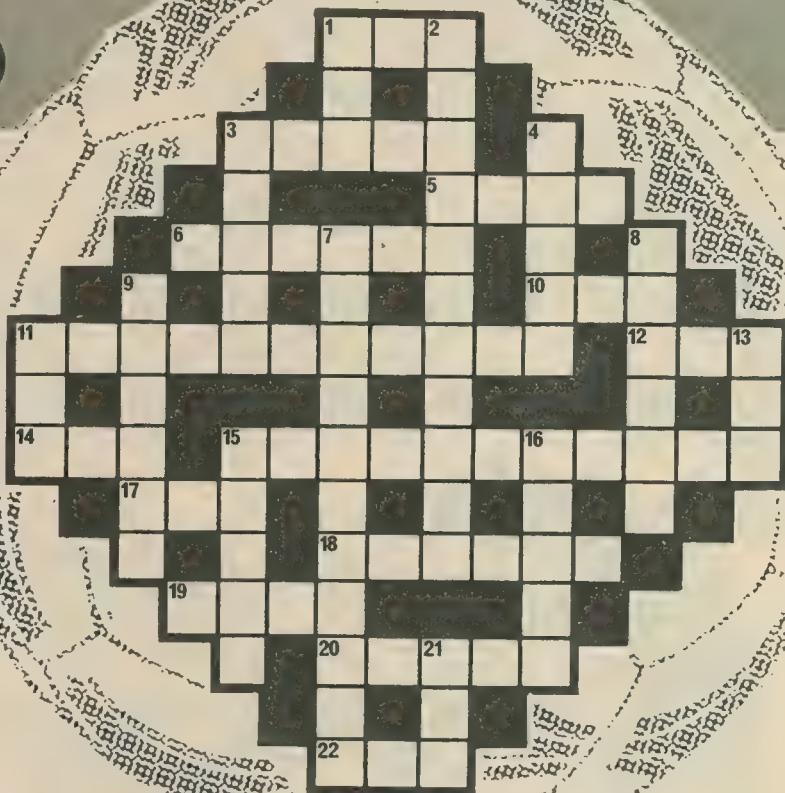
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- (11) — Athletic; Scottish club from East End Park. (11)
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- (19) Hobble. (4)
- (20) — Clarke; Leeds United manager. (5)
- (22) Richard—; Cambridge goalkeeper. (3)

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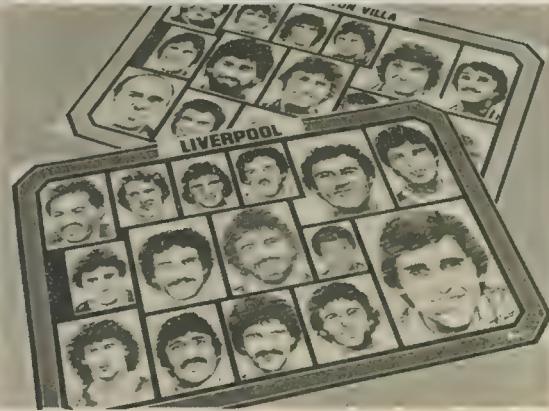
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Eric Sinclair (dark strip) and Iain Ferguson (inset) have been banging in the goals on a regular basis at Dens Park this season.

'Crazy Horse' AND 'The Cannonball Kid'

Defenders refer to Dundee's strike force of Eric Sinclair and Iain Ferguson as 'Crazy Horse' and 'The Cannonball Kid' . . .

And when you watch the players in action it's easy to understand their nicknames. Sinclair, a tall, powerful, commanding attack leader, batters into even the most rugged of rearguards, while Scottish Youth star Ferguson prefers to work around the area, sizing up the opposition awaiting the opportunity to release one of his mighty right foot bombs.

While Dundee sometimes tend to have manager Donald Mackay frowning as they give away goals, the form of Sinclair and Ferguson in the attack often more than makes up for the odd defensive lapse.

"Football wants players who can generate excitement," says Mackay, who made his name on Tayside as a man who made life difficult for would-be marksmen as a consistent 'keeper with Dundee United.

"Dundee have a reputation as a

DUNDEE'S DOUBLE ACT

team that likes to drive forward in pursuit of goals and it's always good to see the likes of Eric Sinclair and Iain Ferguson get reward for their efforts when they hit the net.

"Everyone has their job to do, but it's the goalscorers who regularly take the headlines. I would much rather win a game 6-5 than 1-0.

"Coaches and tacticians will tell you results like 6-5 come from bad football. But you never hear the fans complaining when they have seen an avalanche of goals, do you?

"And we should never forget that they are the most important people in the game.

"They are the lifeblood and that's why Dundee will always actively encourage our players to

take the game to opponents."

Sinclair and Ferguson seem to need little encouragement as they go for the jugular vein of their rivals.

"I enjoy life in the Premier Division," says Sinclair, who scored many valuable goals last season to help his team out of the First Division.

"There are so many good players here and you have to work hard for everything you get. However, it sharpens up your game when you face the likes of Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Paul Hegarty, David Narey and Danny McGrain among many others."

Ferguson agrees with his more

experienced team-mate and says: "The big game atmospheres really gets to you. They give your game a boost."

"It's always a thrill to blast in a long range goal and I'll be having a crack or two in the coming months."

'Crazy Horse' and 'The Cannonball Kid' are out to make their names in the hectic atmosphere of the Premier Division . . . with their aggression, determination and dedication life is bound to be extremely difficult for rivals.



SUNDERLAND manager Alan Durban possesses one of the quickest, most incisive minds in football. Within five minutes of a defeat at Swansea, he had made up his mind about tactics in away matches from then on . . . "trying to entertain doesn't work," he stated.

"It would end with Sunderland being relegated; ruined trips for our supporters who make these long, costly journeys — and me sacked. From here on, it is a tight 4-4-2 away from Roker Park."

"Those tactics brought us results early on at Ipswich and Arsenal and prove my point. It is better to have just half a dozen attacks during a game and get something from them rather than two dozen attacks which go nowhere."

To make that approach succeed, a team has to possess players who can break with defence-wrecking pace and then finish in a blur of



Rowell at the crossroads

high speed action . . . and that is where Sunderland's brilliant Gary Rowell takes over.

"This season we are seeing the signs that Gary is back to that marvellous form of the 1978-79 season when he fired 22 goals," says Durban. "He is over a bad knee ligaments injury and is back in his favourite position of left side midfield."

"He doesn't feel that he is physically strong enough to be an out-and-out striker and now his goalscoring record will be of great

interest. Apart from John Wark, it seems as if the midfield player of 15 to 18 goals a season is a lost art — but maybe Gary can do it."

When he first burst into the headlines, Rowell was predicted as an England player. His severe injury checked that optimism but now, his form and goalscoring rejuvenated, he can emerge as a challenger once again. "His goals will show that one way or the other," states Durban.

"I've had so many ups and downs that all I want right now is

Sunderland boss Alan Durban (right) has moved Rowell (above, light shirt) back to midfield.



to play well and be a regular for Sunderland," says Rowell — who finished top scorer again last season edging back as a matchwinner with 11 goals.

"Certainly I'm far happier to be in midfield, although I'll always go to the front if that is where the

manager wants me. But it is from midfield where I'm sure that I will do the best job for Sunderland."

"I'm sure, too, that a strict 4-4-2 is the best way for us to operate away from Roker Park. It may be marvellously entertaining for the home crowd if we play up and down the pitch and string together fluent moves — but the aim of the game is to be in control of it."

"That control is much better exercised in a 4-4-2 and, as the manager said after the Swansea game, it is your supporters who deserve the best you can give them. And that means taking home a point or three."

"As long as you can counter-attack sharply, a tight formation away from home invariably pays the best dividends. Sunderland have the players who can hit quickly and effectively on the break and so it has to be our best policy."

'Brilliant'

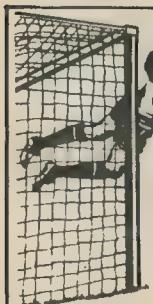
"As far as I'm concerned, goals will come if I judge the run into the box with the right timing. That is the secret of John Wark's success: he arrives on the end of moves at exactly the perfect moment — he is brilliant at it."

"My game is coming together well now and I feel that I should have scored twice as many goals as I have. The chances have been there but I need just a shade more of that timing to really make them count more often."

"The great thing, however, is that the ligaments injury is in the past. It is the worst injury of all — most players will say worse than a broken leg — but the odd thing is that it doesn't seem anything serious when it happens. Just a stiffness."

Despite his problems, the 24-year-old Rowell entered this season with a League scoring record of 55 goals from 155 games. Most of those have come from his favourite midfield role: now, if he can step up his consistency, he could become the Martin Peters successor whom England have needed for so long.

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BOND'S BLUNDER?

SIGNING Trevor Francis may have been a masterstroke by Manchester City manager John Bond — but was letting Dave Bennett go a blunder? The striker who came so close to being an F.A. Cup Final winner last May says: "I'm getting better and better!"

Now a Cardiff City player at the almost unbelievable price tag of £125,000, the 22-year-old lithe, lightning-paced Bennett invites: "Look at my record last season. I had 30 first team matches and averaged a goal almost every other game.

"There were seven goals from 20 First Division matches to make it my best season in the League; I was top scorer with five in our run to the Semi-Finals of the League Cup; I had a couple more in the F.A. Cup on the way to Wembley.

"I felt that I did well and the longer the season went, the better my form. In the last month of the season, for instance, I scored four goals in First Division matches and came close to ensuring that our Final against Spurs didn't go to a replay.

"My shot that struck the back of someone's legs — I think it was

Graham Roberts — was going into the net. If it had, there wouldn't have been that second game at Wembley.

"It was something of a disappointment when Trevor was signed and it seemed that there was no room for me in the first team at Maine Road. I gathered that the plan was to play Trevor and Phil Boyer in partnership for a season — and that was me out.

"It was suggested that 12 months from now might see a totally different situation as far as I was concerned. After last season, however, there was just no way that I could amble along in the Central League."

Shrewd

There were a cluster of top clubs chasing Bennett as soon as it was known through football's grapevine that he was available. Cardiff manager Richie Morgan led the charge and struck a shrewd early blow by signing Dave's 19-year-old brother Gary.

"That gave me one target straight off. We've never played a League game together, just half a dozen games or so in the reserves. There is nothing I want more than

Bennett battles it out for Manchester City in last season's F.A. Cup Final.

to appear in a League game with Gary in central defence behind me," stressed Dave.

"I think that brothers in the same dressing room bring out the best in each other. When one does well, the other works harder to prove that he can go one better."

Despite fierce competition, Morgan won the race for Dave's signature . . . ironically landing his best capture as Cardiff manager at the very moment that the news was breaking that he was stepping sideways from first team control at Ninian Park.

None of this troubled Bennett who was very quickly into his stride with early goals — including the winner in a home game against Bolton which ended Cardiff's dismal record of going nine League games without a home win stretching back to last February.

If it seems something of a step down, too, for Bennett to go from a First Division success story to an anxiously struggling Second Division club, he says: "There is no way that I would have joined Cardiff if it was a club without a future.

"They have everything it needs to become one of the biggest in the game. Now I'm going for 20 goals a season to help them on their way there.

"Goals coming consistently for Cardiff can give me a new exposure. I may have left the First Division for the time being — but I aim to be back there. Hopefully it will be with Cardiff . . . but if not I'm looking for a scoring record that will have the First Division clubs chasing me."



DARLINGTON boss Billy Elliott recently refused an offer to manage Cardiff City which would have guaranteed him a worry-free financial future. And he has no regrets about his decision.

In electing to stay with the Fourth Division outfit, Elliott fought a battle with his conscience — and won.

He says: "How could I preach

loyalty to my players and then desert them? Also, there is the matter of doing the right thing by my chairman here at Darlington, Leslie Moore.

"I owe such a lot to him. I couldn't wish for a better boss. He is keenly aware of how difficult it can be for a manager in the Fourth Division, where cash is always tight, and when the going is tough, he tells me not to worry.

"So when he informed me, in addition, that he had full confidence in me, an atmosphere of some security was created. The

wasn't retained as manager at Sunderland, especially as the man they wanted, Bobby Robson, decided to stay with Ipswich. But I'm not bitter about it, life is too short for that.

"And I've always been grateful to Darlington for taking me on. Which is, basically, the reason why I've just signed a new long-term contract.

"The offer from Cardiff just about blew my mind when I considered what a difference it would make to my pension a few years from now. But money can't buy

BILLY'S BATTLE

chairman believes in loyalty, and I feel I must return that. He offered me a job at a critical stage in my career."

The 56-year-old Elliott was thrown a lifeline by Darlington after being dismissed by Sunderland. He had been appointed caretaker manager at Roker in December, 1979, and missed promotion to the First Division by only a single point at the end of the season.

Says Elliott: "I was hurt when I

respect and it can't buy loyalty."

Certainly, loyalty is a quality that Elliott has demonstrated to the clubs he has served during his long career in the game as player, coach and manager.

He performed with distinction for the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue, Burnley, Sunderland and England as a winger, later took his knowledge to the Middle East, Germany, Belgium and Norway, and was recalled as a coach by Sunderland in 1968.

But five years later he was sacked by Bob Stokoe only a few days after Sunderland's F.A. Cup win over Leeds in 1973, and Elliott took the club to an industrial tribunal. He claimed unfair dismissal, won his case and was awarded £1,448, before returning to Roker as caretaker boss six years later.

Now he is in charge of a Darlington side that is struggling at the wrong end of the Fourth Division and says: "I've the foundation on which to build a sound team here and mean to do so. Obviously, it would be silly to say I'm not worried about results, but I've been in back-to-the-wall situations before.

'Consistent'

"I have promising strikers like John Stalker and Alan Walsh in the side, and it's entirely up to them to prove they can be consistent. There is 16-year-old Don Ball who just needs to gain a little pace."

For some Darlington fans, it is difficult to understand why Elliott would turn down a move to Cardiff which would have tripled his income.

Billy explains: "Don't think I wasn't tempted by the Cardiff offer. But I had two years of my old contract to run, and there was no way I would walk out on Darlington or Leslie Moore."



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TOM McAlister is the living proof that determination and dedication are as vital to a footballer's armoury as flair and ambition.

Just consider his plight: at the age of 21, the goalkeeper from Clydebank had forced his way into the first team of a buoyant Sheffield United, then in the First Division.

Tom's nightmare came true

McAlister makes a clean catch, watched by West Ham skipper Billy Bonds.



JIM PLATT, who was signed by Middlesbrough from Ballymena back in 1970 for a paltry £7,000, can look back on an eventful decade at Ayresome.

During that time he has been dropped, offered out on loan, regained his place and won international caps. And today the big 'keeper is as resilient as ever.

"I'm part of a new team which is being built by our manager, Bobby Murdoch," said Platt. "And as I've recently signed a three-year contract, I'll be out to keep my place for that period."

Along with right-back John Craggs, Platt played for the Middlesbrough side that won the Second Division Championship in 1974 — the pair are the only survivors of that promotion team managed by Jack Charlton.

Harassing

Then over three years ago, Platt went through the most harassing period of his career when Middlesbrough loaned him out to Cardiff and Hartlepool, before agreeing to a £25,000 transfer to Blackburn.

"I was ready to leave," says Jim. "I had played for Northern Ireland against England at Wembley in 1978, and although we lost 1-0 the newspapers said I had been brilliant.

"But within hours, Boro had bought Scottish international Jim

It's all happened to Platt!

Stewart for £100,000 and I was out. I became third choice, and even turned out at centre-forward for the reserves — and once got a hat-trick!

"Then the situation changed. Stewart had been having a bad time, the club was in some danger of relegation and I returned to the First Division scene for a home game against Aston Villa which we won 1-0.

"It was a turning point for me, because we went on to finish half-way up the League. I've been first choice ever since."

Not only is Platt the No. 1 goalkeeper at Ayresome — he was voted North-East Player of the Year last season.

"The award was a great honour for me. I was proud to be chosen, and I'll never forget the feeling of accomplishment it gave me.

"Overall, I think that Bobby Murdoch will build the team along the right lines and get the results he is aiming at."

Platt, who played for Northern

Then he broke his leg — twice. And from there his fortunes took a distinct downward spiral. He drifted to Rotherham, Blackpool, Swindon and eventually on loan to Bristol Rovers.

He could have been forgiven for calling it a day long before Swindon manager Frank Burrows made a phone call that might well change the course of McAlister's destiny.

"He told me that West Ham wanted to speak to me with a view to signing me. It came right out of the blue," said McAlister.

McAlister met Lyall — and the total honesty with which Lyall put his case convinced the goalkeeper that he had a place at Upton Park.

"I know I'm only here as the understudy to Phil Parkes, but there is a lot more chance of furthering your career at a First Division club."

McAlister got that opportunity to shine earlier than he could have anticipated when Parkes needed an operation for a knee injury.

The debut for West Ham came at Birmingham in a 2-2 draw — and the scenario enabled McAlister to experience the vivid contrast between reserve and first team football.

"Ironically," recalled McAlister, "I had played at St Andrews the week before in a Football Combination game."

"In the reserve game, the loudspeaker was giving frequent updates on what was happening between Birmingham and Aston Villa at Villa Park.

"The atmosphere for the first team couldn't have been more different. I had forgotten what the big-time was like."

But McAlister adjusted soon enough — and although he conceded two goals, he was relatively pleased with his performance.

'Took Over'

"The big dread that I had was that I would be in goal when the team lost their first League match since last December the day that I took over from Phil."

Sadly for Tom, that's what happened when West Ham lost 3-2 to Aston Villa in October.

McAlister, now 28, knows that his taste of the highlife lasted only as long as it took Phil Parkes to resume fitness.

"And I have no complaint about that," said McAlister. "He is in a different class as a goalkeeper, easily one of the best in the country."

"But what I aim to do is make the most of every opportunity that comes my way."

Ireland in 1980 when they won the British Championship when Pat Jennings was unavailable, didn't expect to be dropped by his country last season.

"I thought that after turning out in the previous nine matches, only one of which we lost, I would keep my place. However, Billy Bingham thought otherwise."

But Platt, whose benefit match for Middlesbrough took place in September, has a habit of staying in contention for club and country — nobody could afford to write him off at any level.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

SOUTHAMPTON's nightmare duel with Sporting Lisbon in a UEFA Cup-tie at The Dell has tended to obscure the remarkable progress Lawrie McMenemy has made at the club in eight years.

The South Coast town was better known for providing a berth for the QE2 than for football when the big man arrived with the force of a hurricane to sweep away cobwebs and launch Saints into the most exciting chapter of their history.

Two Wembley Cup Finals — winners of the F.A. Cup in 1976 and League Cup runners-up in 1979 — and sixth place in the First Division last season, the highest position in



Mac's Saints are flying

seaside'. That's all changed. Now, they have a football club.

"His problem was to make the club as big as others in the North, Midlands, and London. Southampton has no real past, no traditions.

"He signed Peter Osgood and Charlie George. That made people sit-up. Bringing Alan Ball from Arsenal was a master stroke — and to buy him back this season from Blackpool was even braver.

"He's also done well to play Keegan up front, his best position. Twelve goals by mid-October demonstrated the success of that move. When Kev returned from Europe everyone reckoned he was for the chopping block. He's proved them wrong."

No First Division manager has been shrewder in transfer deals

than McMenemy, claims Peach.

"He admits he's got no money — but still he gets the right players. Only Ray Kennedy is a better left sided midfield player than David Armstrong, the player he signed from Middlesbrough."

Steve Williams, Southampton's midfield star, is certain to win full England honours claims Peach.

"Pure class, that's Steve. He is strong, deceptively fast — and once he starts scoring goals from midfield should win caps galore."

David Peach also pays tribute to Southampton's youth policy, a department McMenemy has built from little or nothing. Southampton employ a team of scouts which covers the whole of Britain and in London run a nursery which has stolen youngsters from under the noses of Arsenal, Tottenham and

West Ham.

George Lawrence, a black teenager from London, shows stunning promise and was one of the few successes against Lisbon.

"He was a first year apprentice in my last season at Southampton," says Peach. "He's as quick as lightning — with a kick like a mule."

"Steve Moran is another youngster winning admirers. He scored 18 goals in 1980-81, but as so often happens with a newcomer, is struggling in his second season. He's got too much ability to be on the sidelines for long."

Secret

Peach provides a revealing insight into the secret of McMenemy's success.

"He treats his players like men. He respects you, and you him. He's a terrific motivator."

But motivation alone will not bridge that ever shortening gap between being a good First Division side and a powerful European competitor.

Southampton's alarming deficiencies in defence, especially away from home, give cause for concern. They need one, maybe two, new defenders if they are to progress.

At the moment they fall just short of the qualities possessed by such clubs as Liverpool, Ipswich and Aston Villa.

Lawrie McMenemy will not be satisfied until that gulf has been bridged.



Striker Mick Channon takes on Manchester City full-back Bobby McDonald.



HONOURS

F.A. Cup winners 1976
Third Division (S) Champions 1921-22
Third Division Champions 1959-60

Coventry's Paul Dyson is left trailing by the rejuvenated Kevin Keegan.

their League history, testifies to Lawrie's success.

But his job in pioneering Saints through new frontiers is far from finished, which probably explains why Saints' manager looked so crestfallen after his team's calamitous 4-2 defeat at home to Malcolm Allison's Lisbon team, a defeat wrecking Southampton's unbeaten home run of 24 League and Cup games stretching back a year.

He promptly dropped Yugoslavian international Ivan Golac, goalkeeper Peter Wells, Mark Whittlelock and Steve Moran for the League game against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns, where Saints earned a praiseworthy draw.

McMenemy's determination to lift a once unfashionable club into a position of strength in European football is best explained by one of his former players.

Ambitions

David Peach, a Southampton defender for more than seven years who now stiffens Swindon's rearguard, says Lawrie McMenemy's ambitions for Southampton are almost frightening.

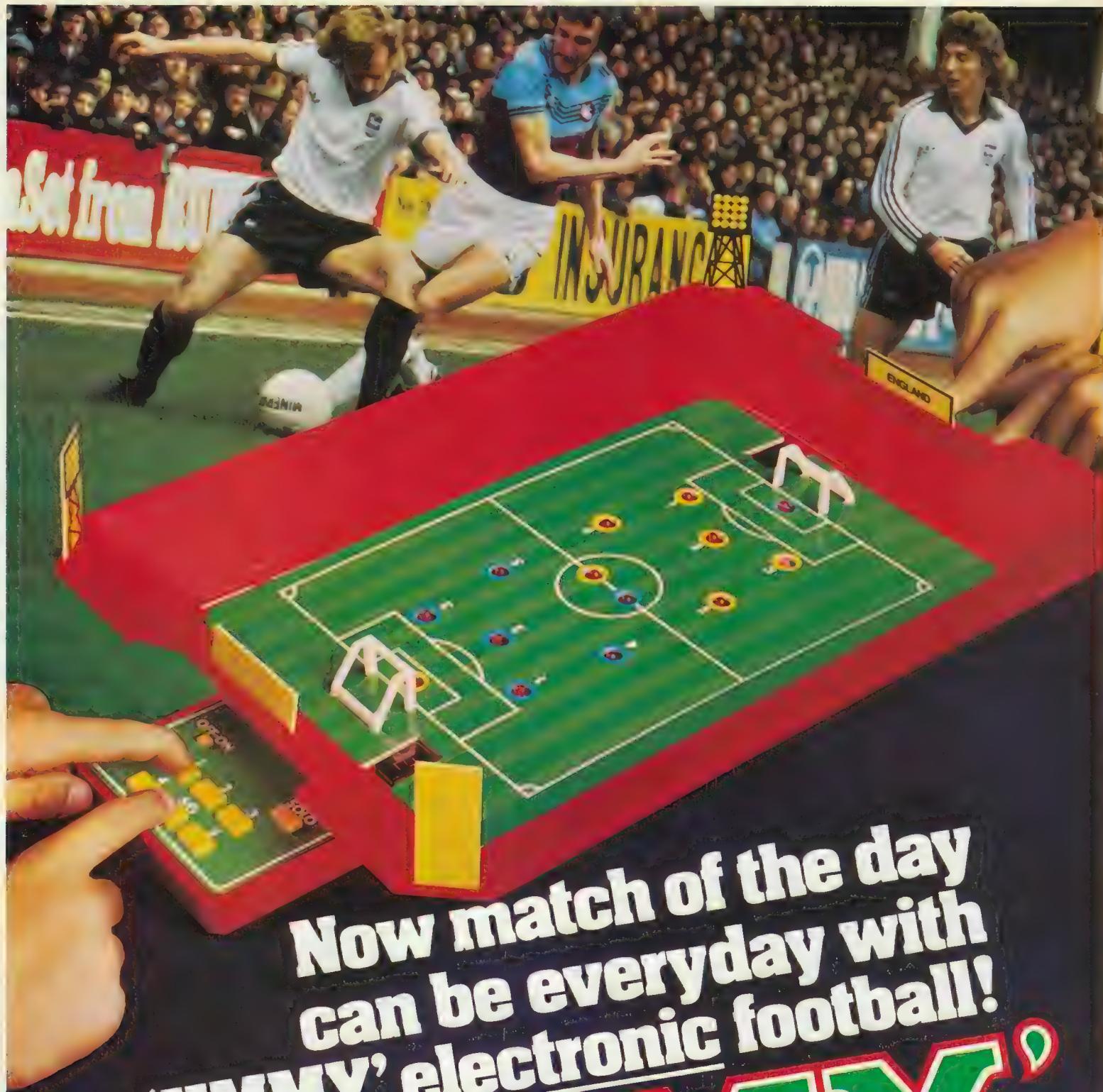
"The trouble with the big man is that he will never be totally satisfied until he has won the European Cup, First Division title, F.A. Cup and League Cup — all in one season!"

Peach, whose Semi-Final goal clinched a Wembley appearance for Southampton in the 1976 Cup Final, pays glowing tribute to his former boss' effort.

"I give him 99 out of 100. To buy Kevin Keegan alone from under the noses of dozens of other clubs was a magnificent achievement — and look how Kev is rewarding Lawrie now he's shrugged off injury problems.

"When Lawrie arrived at Southampton, the town was recognised as a 'jolly good day out at the

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BACK ROW (left to right): Graham Baker, Nick Holmes, Chris Nicholl, Trevor Hebbert, Steve Moran.
MIDDLE ROW: Lew Chatterley (coach), David Armstrong, Steve Williams, Ivan Katalinic, Peter Wells, Ivan Golac, Malcolm Waldron, John Mortimore (assistant manager).
FRONT ROW: Mike Channon, Kevin Keegan, Lawrie McMenemy (manager), Dave Watson, Alan Ball.

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THEIR reasons could hardly be more different, but two of Tony Woodcock's team-mates at Cologne are determined to fight tooth and nail for a place in the West German World Cup squad.

Klaus Fischer, aged 31, was hailed as the successor to Gerd Müller, but a variety of circumstances have prevented him from making it to the top. He knows that the 1982 World Cup represents his last chance to prove his point.

And Rainer Bonhof, midfield star in the World Champion team of 1974, failed to rise above the Germans' barely-average performance in 1978, and now finds himself on the sidelines. At 29, Bonhof is determined to win back a place to ensure a hat-trick of World Cups before he retires.

IT isn't easy to talk to Klaus Fischer. Life has played too many dirty tricks on him. And now his eyes shift restlessly from side to side, as if trying to anticipate where and when the next fateful brick will hit him. "What do you want to know? What is there to talk about?"

We promise him it's about his future — both at Cologne and in the West German national team, but his reaction is a sneer that emphasises that the 31-year-old striker is a man haunted and embittered by his past.

On the face of it Fischer's record is superb. He's scored 182 goals in 355 matches since he joined Schalke 04 from TSV Munich in 1970. Almost 40 caps for West Germany after the great Gerd Müller had named Fischer as his natural successor.

But in the debit column lurks the murky scandal of Schalke's agreement to 'bend' the result of a vital Bundesliga match.

Suddenly Fischer's name was dirtier than mud, and he was banned from the national team.

When he returned in time for the 1978 World Cup Finals, he passed virtually unnoticed, failed to score a goal, and finally lost his place to Dieter Müller amid a strained atmosphere in the German camp.

Fearful

Then, back at Schalke came the hammer-blow — a fearful leg-fracture after a collision with Bayer Uerdingen defender Ludger Van De Loo in 1980.

Recovery was a long and painful process, and it speaks volumes for the man's character that he's fought his way back to match fitness ... with a metal plate in his leg.

So much so that Cologne were prepared to pay over £200,000 for him during the summer.

"Yes, this was a lifeline for me, because Schalke had been relegated. I didn't want to play in the Second Division, and I was prepared to leave Germany and look for First Division football overseas.

"Now at Cologne I have the chance to compete for a Bundesliga title and to regain my place in the national team."

For in the meantime, Horst Hrubesch had collared the Number 9 shirt which Fischer wants so badly, and ironically it's only an injury to the Hamburger SV striker that's given Fischer a place in West Germany's latest round of matches.

"Listen. I don't want to talk

about it. I've learnt that talk is easy and that life is more difficult. I'm ambitious. I want to represent my country in Spain. And I want to prove that I'm the best centre-forward in Germany.

"But I won't believe these things are possible until they really happen. I want to keep quiet, work hard and score goals. Nothing else."

For Rainer Bonhof the problems are different. After being an automatic choice in the West German line-up for six years, he suddenly finds himself out in the cold.

"It all began in Uruguay in the Copa de Oro. After we'd lost 4-1 to Brazil the manager Jupp Derwall put a lot of the blame on me. I felt that this was unjust, and I defended myself strongly in a TV interview.

"The manager was angry, and I realised that I probably wouldn't be chosen for the national team again. Since then I have spoken to the boss, and I think our personal problems are now resolved.

"I know he has been to watch

FISCHER AND BONHOF AIMING FOR SPAIN VIA COLOGNE



me several times recently and I feel I have been playing better.

"I admit that I didn't play that well when I returned to Germany from Valencia. To make my re-adaptation even more difficult, I had a run of injuries, and one muscle strain kept me out for five weeks.

"Also I ran into a Cologne team with a lot of problems. The manager was a teacher who'd had little experience in 'the driving seat', and we had bad internal problems with Schuster, Konopka and Neumann.

"After three months both I and the team had reached rock bottom. Things got better after Rinus Michels took over as manager, but our morale collapsed a bit after we lost to Ipswich in the UEFA Cup Semi-Final.

"This season things have improved a lot, and I'm playing a good deal better. Now what I hope is that Herr Derwall will remember me when he picks the squad for Spain.

"I've played in the last two World Cups, which has given me a lot of valuable experience. And if I can play in a third, it's possible that I will retire from the national team. I very much want to play in Spain ... and play well."

Two very different men in the same club and with the same burning ambition.

Fischer (left) shadows Bonhof before his transfer from relegated Schalke 04 enabled him to team up with his international team-mate at Cologne.

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Saturday, Oct. 10

Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Forrest)	
STRANRAER (0) 1 (Sweeney)	400
FORFAR (0) 1 (Brash pen)	
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Jobson)	850
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Jenkins, Munn)	
MONTROSE (1) 4 (Campbell 2, McManus, Taylor)	250
STIRLING (0) 0	
ABROATH (0) 1 (Robb)	450

Sunday, October 11

Third Division

MILLWALL (1) 2 (McKenna, Massey)	
WALSALL (0) 0	6,289

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (0) 4 (Black pen, McFarland, Campbell, McNiven)	
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Lucas)	6,254

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Wellings)	
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Allinson, McDonough)	1,366

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Fourth Division

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0	
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Morris)	2,376

Wednesday, Oct. 14

World Cup Qualifying

Group Two

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (3) 3 (Janvion (og), Stapleton, Belloni)	
FRANCE (1) 2 (Bellone, Platini) at Lansdowne Road	53,000
Republic: McDonagh, Langan, Hughton, Moran, O'Leary, Brady, Whelan, Martin, Stapleton (Givens), Lawrenson, Robinson.	
France: Castanion, Janvion, Mahut (Bracci), Lopez, Bossis, Christophe, Giard, Larios, Pletini, Curiol, Bel-lone (Six).	

Group Three

WALES (1) 2 (James (R), Curtis)	
ICELAND (0) 2 (Sigurvinsson 2) at Swansea	20,000
Wales: Davies, Ratcliffe, Jones, Nicholas, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), Walsh, Charles, Harris (Rush), James (L).	
Iceland: Baldursson, Halldorsson, Oskarsson, Ormslev, Geirsson, Jonsoon, Gudlaugsson, Sigurvinsson, Edvaldsson, Gudjohnsen, Bergs.	

Group Six

N. IRELAND 0	
SCOTLAND 0 at Windsor Park	35,000
N. Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl (J), Donaghy, McCreary, Nicholl (C), O'Neill (J), Brotherston, O'Neill (M), Armstrong, McIlroy, Hamilton.	
Scotland: Rough, Stewart, Gray (F), Strachan (Gray (A)), Hansen, Miller, Dalglish, Souness, Archibald, Hartford, Robertson.	

Friday, Oct. 16

Second Division

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Melrose)	
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Fillery)	18,358
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Leet, Ramsey, Scott, O'Neill, Lineker, Melrose, Young, McDonald, Robson.	
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Hutchings, Viljoen, Pates, Chivers, Rhoades-Brown, Britton, Lee, Mayes (Droy), Fillery.	

Fourth Division

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (McDonough, Bremner, Leslie, Allinson)	
YORK (0) 0	3,139
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Williams, Coyle)	
CREWE (0) 0	2,669

Saturday, Oct. 17

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Meade)	
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0	21,470
Arsenal: Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, McDermott, Sunderland, Meade, Nicholas, Rix.	
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Bond, Reid, Power, Caton, Tuart, O'Neill, Hutchison, Hartford, Reeves.	

ASTON VILLA (3) 3 (Morley, Geddis, Mortimer)	
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Brooking, Cross)	32,064
A. Villa: Rimmer, Williams, Gibson, Evans, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Geddis (Blair), Cowans, Morley.	
West Ham: McAlister, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour (Brush), Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.	



West Ham's Ray Stewart.

BRIGHTON (0) 3 (Foster, Case, Ritchie)	
LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Dalglish, Kennedy (R), McDermott)	26,321
Brighton: Digweed, Shanks, Williams, Greasham, Foster, Getting, Case, Ritchie, Robinson, McNab, Smith.	
Liverpool: Grobelaar, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush (Lawrenson), McDermott, Souness.	

EVERTON (2) 2 (Ferguson, Stevens)	
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Gates)	25,146
Everton: Southall, Stevens, Bailey, Walsh, Lyons, Thomas (Biley), McMahon, O'Keefe, Ferguson, Ross, McBride.	
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Warf, Muhrer, Mariner, O'Callaghan, Gates.	

LEEDS (0) 3 (Graham, Cherry, Connor)	
WBA (0) 1 (Mills)	19,164
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Hart, Burns, Gray (F), Graham, Hird, Hamson, Harris (Greenhoff), Connor, Barnes.	
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Mills, Brown, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.	

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Coppell)	
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Worthington pen)	48,514
Man. Utd: Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Buchan, Robson, Birches, Stapleton, Moses, Coppell.	
Birmingham: Weals, Van Den Hauwe, Dennis (Handysides), Dillon, Broadhurst, Todd, Brocken, Whatmore, Worthington, Gemmill, van Mierlo.	

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 2 (Wallace)	
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hunt)	20,101
Notts. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Needham, Aas, Gunn, McGovern (Walsh), Gray, Proctor, Robertson, Fashanu, Wallace.	
Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Dyson, Gillespie, Roberts, Whitton, Jacobs, Hunt, Thompson, Hately, Kaiser.	

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Keegan 2, Moran)	
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Mair)	18,900
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Whitlock, Nicholl, Keegan, Lawrence, Moran, Armstrong, Ball.	
Notts Co.: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Chiedozie, Kitcaine, Lahtinen, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Mair.	

STOKE (1) 1 (Griffiths)	
SWANSEA (0) 2 (Stanley, Latchford)	14,665
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Smith, Griffiths, Heath, Chapman, Bracewell, Maguire.	
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Hadzibabic, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L) (Stanley), Thompson, Latchford.	

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Archibald, Hazard)	25,317
Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth (West), Elliott, Venison, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Arnott, McCoist, Ritchie, Pickering, Cummins.	
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Galvin (Lacy), Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Hodder, Crooks.	

WOLVES 0

MIDDLESBROUGH 0	12,061
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Matthews, Galagher, Vilzean, Hibbit, Atkinson, Gray, Richards, Birch (Clarke).	
Middlesbrough: Platt, Crags, Bolton, Angus, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Shearer, Askew.	

Second Division

BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Aylott)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0	18,477
Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylott, McHale, Campbell.	
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Trewick, Barton, Halliday, Shinton, Martin, Verdi, Wharton, Waddle.	

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Mayo)

WATFORD (1) 2 (Blissett 2)	7,239
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, O'Neill, Christie, Spriggs, Streete (Polycarpou), Gibbons, Mayo.	
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry, Botton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins, Jackett, Barnes.	

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Stevens, Bennett)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Cantello)	3,870
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones (Thomas), Gilbert, Maddy, Pontin, Dwyer, Bennett, Micallef, Stevens, Hughes, Lewis, Wilson: McDonagh, Jones, Bennett, Henry, Brennan, Gowling, Chandler, Kidd, Thompson, Cantello, Hebbard.	
Bolton: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Shirliff, Taylor, Megson, Miroevic (Pearson), Bannister, McCulloch, Curran.	

CHARLTON (2) 3 (Walsh 2, Robinson)

SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0	8,258
Charlton: Johns, Naylor, Dickinson, Gritt, McAllister, Phillips, Elliott, Walsh, Hales, Lansdowne (Madden), Robinson.	
Sheffield Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Shirliff, Taylor, Megson, Miroevic (Pearson), Bannister, McCulloch, Curran.	

CHARLTON (2) 3 (Walsh 2, Robinson)

SHREWSBURY (0) 0	10,752
Charlton: Jones, Coop, Buckley, Powell (S), Sheridan, Powell (B), Emery, Reid, Layton, Swindlehurst, Emson.	
Shrewsbury: Gennos, Brannigan, Rathbone, Speight, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Burke, Lowey, Garner, Brotherton.	

CHARLTON (2) 3 (Walsh 2, Robinson)

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MORTON (0) 3	(Hutchison 2, Ritchie)	2,500
AIRDRIE (0) 0		
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil (Slaven), Docherty, Busby, Hutchison, Ritchie.		
Airdrie: Davidson, Walker, Rodger, Thompson, March (Gordon), McCluskey, Flood, Clerk, Campbell (Kerr), Anderson, McKeown.		
PARTICK (0) 1	(Watson pen)	4,000
HIBS (0) 0		
Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson (Lapsley), Dunlop, Watson, Park, MacDonald, Johnston, Doyle, Clark (Higgins).		
Hibs: McArthur, Flavel, Schaefer, McNamara, Peter-son, McLaren (Sneddon), Callaghan, Rodier, McLeod, Duncan, Murray (Rae).		

ST. MIRRIN (1) 1	(McAvennie)	
ABERDEEN (1) 2	(Watson 2)	6,840
St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, McCormack, Fulton, Copland, McAvennie, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, Scanlon.		
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Hewitt, Weir.		

Scottish First

AYR (2) 5	(Frye 3, Cashmore, Hendry)	
E. STIRLING (1) 1	(Lemon)	2,124
CLYDEBANK (1) 1	(Coyne)	
MOTHERWELL (4) 7	(Gahagan, McGhie (og), Irvine 2, Rafferty 2, McClelland)	1,600
DUNFERMLINE (2) 2	(McNaughton, Considine)	
DUMBARTON (2) 2	(Blair, Dunlop)	2,000
FALKIRK 0		
QoS 0		3,000
HAMILTON (0) 1	(Fairlie)	
KILMARNOCK (0) 2	(Gallagher, Bourke)	1,747
HEARTS (2) 2	(MacDonald, Liddell)	
RAITH (0) 1	(Irvine)	5,001
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2	(Brogan, Brannigan)	
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0		1,840

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 3	(Evans 2, Gibson)	
FORFAR (2) 3	(Farningham, Watt 2)	426
ARBROATH (0) 0		
CLYDE (1) 1	(Masterton)	691
BERWICK (2) 3	(Lawson, Tait 2)	
BRECHIN (0) 1	(Leslie)	831
E. FIFE (1) 1	(Scott)	
ALLOA (1) 2	(McNab, Purdie)	415
MEADOWBANK (0) 1	(Georgeson pen)	
COWDENBEATH (1) 1	(Forrest)	200
MONTROSE (0) 1	(Forrest)	
STIRLING (1) 1	(Torrance)	200
STRANRAER (1) 2	(Dolan 2)	
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1	(Hamilton (og))	448

Sunday, Oct. 18

Second Division

ORIENT (0) 1	(Cunningham)	
QPR (0) 1	(Gillard)	8,192
Orient: Day, Hughton, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Cunningham, Godfrey, Silkman, Bowles, Margerison, (Hallybone), McNeil.		
QPR: Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Hazell, Roeder, Mickelwhite, Flanagan, Allen (Burke), Stainrod, Gillard.		

Monday, Oct. 19

Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 0		
SOUTHEND (0) 1	(Yates)	5,400

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (2) 2	(Sword, Williams)	
BRADFORD (2) 3	(Staniforth, Campbell, McNiven)	3,683
PORT VALE (1) 1	(Deakin)	
PETERBOROUGH (1) 3	(Massey, Cooke)	2,844

Tuesday, Oct. 20

UEFA Cup

(Second Round, first-leg)

WINTERSLAG (0) 1	(Berger)	
ARSENAL (0) 0		15,000
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Meade, Nicholas, Rix.		
BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH (0) 2	(Schaeffer, Hannes)	
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0		35,000
Dundee United: McAlpine, Kopel, Murray, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Holt, Dodds.		



Borussia Monchengladbach celebrate a goal against Dundee United.

Third Division

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2	(Devine, Tainton)	
READING (0) 0		5,206
DONCASTER (1) 4	(Mell, Dawson 2, Pugh)	
LINCOLN (0) 1	(Bell)	8,261
FULHAM (2) 4	(Davies 2, O'Driscoll, Brown)	
EXETER (1) 1	(Cooke)	4,500
GILLINGHAM (1) 4	(White 2, Price, Bowman pen)	
PORTSMOUTH (2) 2	(Tait, Rafferty)	5,546
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2	(Burke, Cowling)	
CARLISLE (1) 1	(Robson)	7,185
NEWPORT (1) 1	(Goddard)	
MILLWALL (0) 1	(Horrix)	4,609
PRESTON (0) 1	(Dunn)	
BURNLEY (0) 1	(Wharton)	7,527
WALSALL (2) 5	(Buckley 2 (1 pen), Loveridge, Ross 2)	
SWINDON (0) 0		6,010
WIMBLEDON (0) 2	(Joseph, Boyle)	
PLYMOUTH (0) 1	(Randell)	2,114

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2	(French, Garwood)	
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0		3,704
BURY (1) 5	(Madden 2, Butler, Hilton, McMahon (og))	
WIGAN (1) 3	(Bradd, Barrow, Methven)	6,249
COLCHESTER (2) 4	(Allinson, Bremner, Osborne 2)	
HEREFORD (0) 0		3,064
DARLINGTON (0) 1	(Hamilton)	
HALIFAX (0) 1	(Graham)	1,642
SCUNTHORPE (1) 4	(Stewart, Green, Partridge 2 pens)	
HULL (2) 4	(Roberts, Richards, Marwood, Whitehurst)	3,575
SHEFFIELD UTD (3) 4	(Edwards 2, Trussell, Kenworthy pen)	
MANSFIELD (1) 1	(Caldwell)	12,727
TRANMERE (1) 1	(Brown)	
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0		1,431
YORK (0) 0		
BLACKPOOL (2) 4	(Hockaday, Morris, Noble, Blair)	2,657

Wednesday, October 21

European Cup

(Second Round, first-leg)

AZ'67 (0) 2	(Kist, Tol)	
LIVERPOOL (1) 2	(Johnson, Lee)	15,500
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrence, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish (Whelan), Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.		
DINAMO BERLIN (0) 1	(Riediger)	
ASTON VILLA (1) 2	(Morley 2)	30,000
Villa: Rimmer, Williams (Linton), Gibson, Evans, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.		
CSKA SOFIA (2) 2	(Dimitrov pen, Zdravkov)	
GLENTORAN (0) 0		60,000

Cup-Winners' Cup

(Second Round, first-leg)

DUNDALK (0) 1	(Fairclough)	
TOTTENHAM (0) 1	(Crooks)	17,000
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Perryman, Hazard, Ardiles, Hoddle, Galvin (Smith), Archibald, Crooks.		

UEFA Cup

(Second Round, first-leg)

ABERDEEN (3) 3	(Strachan, Weir, Hewitt)	
ARGES PITESTI (0) 0		
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, Cooper, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Hewitt, Weir.		
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2	(Keegan pen, Channon)	
SPORTING LISBON (3) 4	(Jordao, Holmes og, Fernandes 2)	18,573
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Whitlock (Lawrence), Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Ball.		



Manager Malcolm Allison and keeper Meszaros before the game v. Southampton.

First Division

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1	(Moses)	
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0		38,342
Man Utd: Bailey, Gidman, Albiton, Wilkins, Duxbury, Buchan, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Moses, Coppell.		
Middlesbrough: Platt, Crags, Bolton, Angus, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof, Shearer, Askew.		
OXFORD (1) 1	(Cassells)	
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1	(Randall)	4,422
CHESTER (0) 0		
CHESTERFIELD (0) 2	(Bonnyman, Henderson)	2,329
CREWE (0) 1	(Palios)	
ROCHDALE (1) 2	(Goodwin, Wellings)	1,827
TORQUAY (1) 2	(Riach, Bowker)	
NORTHAMPTON (0) 2	(Heeley, Sandy)	2,414

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (2) 2	(Sword, Williams)	
BRADFORD (2) 3	(Staniforth, Campbell, McNiven)	3,683
PORT VALE (1) 1	(Deakin)	
PETERBOROUGH (1) 3	(Massey, Cooke)	5,400
BLACKPOOL (2) 4	(Hockaday, Morris, Noble, Blair)	2,657

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ANDREW HUGHES, DONCASTER

• Hungary in 1953 — then one of the finest international sides of all time — did just that. Andrew:

Then on 25th November — spurred on by the great Ferenc Puskas — they won with ease by 6-3. (And, just to prove it was no one-off fluke, they whacked England 7-1 in Budapest six months later.) But the first ever to beat England on English soil were Eire — who won 2-0 at Everton on 21st September, 1949.

KIRSTY GODFREY, NEW ZEALAND

• Major Frank Buckley, in charge of Wolves in the years leading up to the last War, was one of the most famous (and controversial) of managers. Kirsty:

He pioneered the idea of monkey-gland tablets to improve the fitness of his young players — but, red-hot favourites to beat Portsmouth in the 1939 FA Cup Final, Wolves were surprisingly run off their feet and went down 4-1. "The Major" (as he was always known, because of his ideas on military-type discipline) certainly caught a cold on that one — but his overall record, particularly in discovering young stars like Billy Wright, was superb.

As a player, he won one England cap, but it was as a manager that he will always be remembered. Wolves were League Championship runners-up in both 1938 and 1939, as well as reaching Wembley in that latter year — and, but for the War, there's no knowing what he might have achieved with his very young Wolves team.

SHORT PASSES

• Leeds have twice been League Champions (1968-69 and 1973-74); and five times runners-up between 1964-65 and 1971-72.

(SIMON WOODWARD, Warwickshire)

• Trevor Brooking made his full England debut in the 0-0 draw with Portugal in Lisbon on 3rd April, 1974.

(ROBERT HARRIS, Dumfries)

• Birmingham have played in two FA Cup Finals (1931 and 1956), and reached the Semi-Finals nine times.

(JOHN BATES, Solihull)

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THE proudest moment of my soccer career so far came last season when Rangers manager John Greig told me he was making me captain of the side.

Honestly, I was speechless! To play for Rangers had always been my greatest ambition, but to actually skipper the team was something else.

It means a lot to me to lead out such a famous, world renowned team, but, like I've already said before, there are 11 captains of Rangers when we are playing. Everyone does his part.

Tradition

Being made skipper was a great honour because I was following in the tradition that had been laid down by John Greig himself.

This may sound a bit corny, but to me John Greig was the epitome of a great skipper. People often said he would gladly tackle King Kong in Rangers' cause and I firmly believe that.

I took over his number three shirt when he retired from playing in '78 and I knew that a tough task awaited

me. It's not easy to replace such a legendary player, believe me.

He was more to Rangers than just another player. He WAS Rangers. I saw him encouraging those around him when he wasn't playing particularly well himself and that underlines the man's fighting qualities.

If I can do half as well as John Greig I will be more than satisfied. There's no chance of your spirits sagging when you look towards the dug-out and see the gaffer sitting there.

Derek Johnstone, too, was a marvellous captain of Rangers. He did his job well and, again it was a great boost to take over from such a capable individual.

When you talk of inspiring captains you just can't leave out Billy Bremner, can you?

He really was a ball of fire in his playing days with Leeds United and Scotland. I don't think he always got the credit he was due, but what a great team man he was.

I'll always remember his perform-

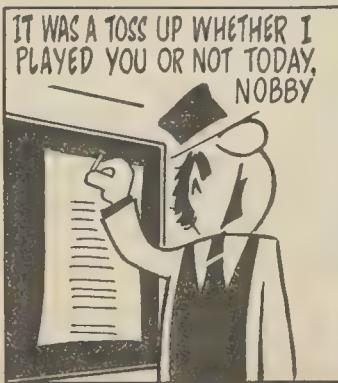
**TARTAN
TALK**
ALLY DAWSON

ances during the World Cup Finals in West Germany in 1974. I thought he was one of the best players in that tournament and he easily outshone some of the bigger names around him.

Bremner always looked as though he was bursting with pride when he wore the dark blue of Scotland and it's just a pity that I never had the pleasure of playing alongside such a player. I still look out for Doncaster's results every now and again to see how things are progressing for Billy now he has turned his hand to management.

Bobby Moore, too, was an inspiring captain although, of course, he didn't quite put himself about like

NOBBY



either John Greig or Billy Bremner. I must admit I thought Moore would have been ready-made as a manager of a club, but so far he hasn't broken into the big time in this sphere.

Moore used to get some terrible 'stick' from Scottish supporters when he played for England, but he never let it put him off his game. I remember reading in SHOOT several years ago that he took it as a tribute that the Scottish fans were recognising him. He said he would worry whenever they ignored him. They never did!

Another captain I have always admired is the Dutch star Ruud Krol. Scottish boss Jock Stein says he likes his skippers to play at the back or in midfield to watch the game building up and Krol was a master of organising things both for Ajax and Holland.

Distinction

Carlos Alberto, too, was a fabulous skipper when he led Brazil with such distinction in the 60's and early 70's. Pele got the applause, but Alberto was the man who did the business at the back.

The Brazilian right-back eventually moved to North America where he played for New York Cosmos, of course, and it was there that he teamed up with another of my favourite captains — Franz Beckenbauer.

I recall the first time I ever saw Beckenbauer was in the '66 World Cup Finals in England. He was different class.

There's been talk of him coming back to the West German team for the World Cup Finals. I just hope Scotland don't have to face 'The Kaiser'.

Greig, Johnstone, Bremner, Moore, Krol, Alberto and Beckenbauer are just some of the captains I have delighted in watching. I would be flattered to think I gave the same pleasure to any watching fan on the terraces.

That's all for this week. I'll see you all in a fortnight . . . take care until then.

Ally Dawson

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GARY SHAW meets TREVOR BROOKING

After his hard work-out with the England midfield star, Gary gets some personal treatment in the physiotherapist room.

NOT the Aston Villa star but 13-year-old Gary Shaw from Romford in Essex.

Gary, First Prize winner in the SHOOT/DUNLOP competition spent the day of a lifetime recently with West Ham, his favourite club, and hero Trevor Brooking.

The England star and SHOOT Editor Peter Stewart (right) collected Gary from his home and drove to West Ham's training ground at Chadwell Heath.

After watching the West Ham players go through a tough morning's session, Trevor gave Gary some personal coaching.

After lunch with the players and manager John Lyall, Trevor took Gary to West Ham's Upton Park ground for a conducted tour and to present him with his other prizes — Dunlop football boots, training shoes, tracksuit and football.

It was certainly a day Romford's Gary Shaw will never forget.

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FRIENDS RALLY TO HELP GARRINCHA

GARRINCHA (right, dark shorts) is in trouble again. Once more he has been interned in a hospital after a severe bout of depression, followed, as usual, by heavy drinking.

The hospital at first refused to admit him because he had left a bill unpaid from the last time he had been there, but some friends got together to pay the bill for him and he was finally admitted.

The same friends — some of them journalists who know Garrincha from the time he played in the 1958 and 1962 World Cups — say that his problem is psychological, not physical.

They say Garrincha is in a process of self-destruction because he has lost all his self-respect.

He can't stand the contrast of life as it is now and what it used to be when he was idolised by the whole country as one of the greatest players ever — for some, greater even than Pelé himself.

Pelé is still rich and famous, but Garrincha is poor and forgotten.

The idea his friends have come up with is to give Garrincha a job as the Brazilian "symbol" for the next World Cup.

They say the money is not important. The important thing for



Garrincha is to be recognised and acclaimed again. They say he has the soul of a child — and can't stand being ignored.

● In the current Brazil squad the traditional card school has been overtaken by chess.

Socrates started the craze and now most of the players play, the best being Socrates himself, and they try to beat the electronic chess game owned by Reinaldo.

"Some days," sighs Socrates, "the machine is unbeatable."

BOCA CHEER THEIR BOSS



IN ARGENTINA, Boca Juniors' manager Silvio Marzolini (above) is making a good recovery after an emergency heart operation.

Without going into too many details, Marzolini has had a by-pass installed during a lengthy and complicated operation.

To celebrate the success of the operation, Boca ran up a jubilant 7-1 win over San Lorenzo (Mar del Plata) with goals from Gareca (3), Brindisi (2) and Maradona (2) to keep alive their outside chances of qualifying for the Quarter-Finals of the National Championship.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

News flashes

● During the close season in Belgium a record 75 players changed clubs in the First Division, and Champions RSC Anderlecht signed six new men, including Petur Petursson (from Feyenoord) of Iceland, and another young Dane Per Frimann. But the most active were former Champions FC Bruges with nine newcomers. These include two Poles, Antoni Szumanowski (Legia Warsaw) and Sromislaw Tieleski (Widzew Lodz) and Hungarian Laszlo Hauszony, who had been with San Diego Sockers.

● AS Roma centre forward Roberto Pruzzo made headlines recently. Some papers brought out special editions with headlines ... Pruzzo killed in car crash in Genoa! In fact the player was safe in Roma's training camp all the day.

● Hamburger SV centre-forward Horst Hrubesch recently spent four days in a totally black room. The doctors ordered it after he had been concussed for the fourth time in his career, and that four days in the dark was followed by an enforced ten day rest in the mountains.

● Israeli Prime Minister Begin is creating problems for football after being forced into an alliance with the fanatically religious party which gave him a ruling majority. His allies are demanding he bans football on Saturdays (their church-going day) and play all games on Sunday evenings. Mordechai Spiegler, star of Israel's 1970 World Cup Finals squad, now manager of Division 1 Beitar in Tel Aviv, is leading the opposition to government interference. The big problem is that none of the Israeli clubs have floodlights and the fans spend Sunday afternoons by the sea.



ERNST HAPPEL (right), the Austrian-born boss of Hamburger SV, gave his players a real verbal assault before their match against Duisburg.

"Any player who does not work like a horse is a parasite and a traitor to the club and his team-mates."

The result: a 7-0 win and HSV's best since the days of Uwe Seeler when they won 8-0 against Kaiserslautern.

THE POLISH player Joachim Wieczorek, who defected during a UEFA Cup tie in Holland, has turned up in West Germany.

He's training with Schalke 04 and has asked to be given a German passport because his father lives in Germany and has German nationality. This way, the player would avoid the usual two-year FIFA ban for defectors from the East.

Krol snub

RUUD KROL, sweeper of Napoli, was offered the captain's job with the Italian club this season, but this so angered the captain of last season, Claudio Vinazzani, that he called a Press conference to say it was wrong for a foreigner to be captain.

Napol reached a compromise for Krol to be captain for games against foreign clubs, because he speaks four languages fluently and could talk to the referees.

Vinazzani accepted the logic of that, but Krol turned it down ... "for personal reasons and because it does not say in my contract that I have to be captain."

More gloom for Uruguay

I'VE MENTIONED before how Uruguayan football has plummeted from the heights of euphoria after the Copa de Oro win to the depths of despair following the World Cup elimination by Peru.

And now, the World Club Champions, Nacional of Montevideo, look like being knocked effortlessly off their pedestal.

The South American Champions, who beat Forest last winter for the Intercontinental Cup, opened their title defence with a home game against Cobreloa of Chile ... and lost 1-2.

Morales had given them the lead with a 49th minute goal, but Puebla equalised 13 minutes later and Olivera popped in the winner six minutes from time.

FRANCE captain Michel Platini has a problem. He started a sports company to manufacture clothing with "Platini 10" on the back, the number he always wore. Recently his role in the St-Etienne team has changed and he now wears number nine.



AFTER four games in the Italian First Division, the three leading scorers were all from Juventus: Roberto Bettega 4, Pietro Virdis 3 and Caetano Scirea 3.

Germans' trip hits problems

FOUR OF West Germany's top clubs — Bayern Munich, Cologne, Hamburger SV and VFB Stuttgart — are refusing to release their players for the national team's trip to Brazil and Argentina next March.

Their reason is that the squad would return on March 25th, only two days before the restart of the League programme after the winter break.

The Germans are now trying to rearrange the game in Brazil to ensure the players are home four days before the League programme.

Without the players of these four clubs the trip would be meaningless as eight or nine of the stars would be absent.

PLAYERS JAILED ... OR NEARLY JAILED

IT'S A match between arch-rivals River Plate and Boca Juniors. After 41 minutes there's a flare-up between rival midfielders. Soon all 22 players are exchanging punches, kicks and butts.

The police manage to break up the fight, but they have terrible trouble separating the two players who'd started the brawl.

The battling duo are finally frog-marched off to the nearest police station and charged.

The sentence is 30 days in prison. The sad thing is that the match was in ... the reserve League.

Still with River, a lucky escape for five of their senior players — captain Passarella, Fillol, Tarantini, Alonso and Lonardi.

I reported a few months ago that they'd been charged with disturbing the peace with incidents after a match against Colon in September 1980.

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ALTHOUGH it was at Villa Park that Ted Drake performed the unique feat of scoring seven goals with eight shots for Arsenal back in 1935, The Gunners of more recent vintage have had little success on this ground.

Indeed, Arsenal have won only one of their last 13 First Division games here, although there has been a glimmer of hope with draws in their last two visits after a run of four defeats.

Arsenal's solitary victory in this period was in December, 1966 when Frank McLintock scored the game's only goal.

LIVERPOOL v EVERTON

LOCAL rivalry is nowhere more intense than in Liverpool where the 125th League derby game will be played on Saturday. Nor will you find fortunes more evenly balanced than they are here with the tally to date being 42 wins for Liverpool, 44 for Everton and 38 drawn.

It was back around the turn of the century that Everton stole a march on The Reds — there was even one run of 15 games without defeat by Everton at Anfield in that period. Since then Liverpool have never quite been able to catch up, although, of course, they have made up a great deal of lost ground in more recent years.

However, the scales are so evenly balanced that Liverpool have only twice completed a League "double" over their local rivals in the post-War period, while Everton's tally during the same period is only one.

MAN. CITY v BORO

THE name Tommy Woodward doesn't mean much to our young readers but it is significant in relation to the meeting between these two sides on Saturday.

The date was February 18th, 1949, and Tommy got the only goal before a crowd of nearly 60,000.

Since then Middlesbrough have played 13 League games at Maine Road, losing 11 and drawing two. They will be hoping for a display approaching that of their old hero George Carswell who scored all of their goals in a 5-3 Second Division game at Maine Road on Christmas Day, 1926.

However, no matter what the score on Saturday everyone will be satisfied if it is half as thrilling a game as last season's clash when two players were sent off in a dramatic afternoon when City won by the odd goal in five.

STOKE CITY v S'TON

SINCE their return to the First Division Stoke have lost both of their home games to Southampton by 2-1. So Southampton have won as many games in two seasons as they had done in their previous 22 League visits to the Victoria Ground. The record of Southampton's League games at Stoke reads won four, drawn four, lost 16.

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NO Manchester United player will be keener to win this Saturday than me. We face Sunderland at Roker Park and as a former Newcastle United supporter victory up there would be sweet.

I've only played at Roker once before — the year West Brom won promotion to Division One and we were thumped 6-1. The only consolation was that I scored the Albion goal.

I was brought up in Chester-le-Street about six miles south of Newcastle and many of my old school pals are Sunderland fans, so it'd be nice to be able to rub it in!

Many of my family and friends will be at Roker. I usually need about 16 tickets for games in the North-East, where I try to return whenever I can.

Invasion

My dad used to take my sister and I to St. James' Park when United were in Division Two. I'll never forget the season they went up from Division Two in 1965, or when they won the Fairs Cup four years later.

I went to all the European ties at St. James' Park, even the one against Rangers when there was a pitch invasion. We used to stand in a safer part of the ground, away from any potential trouble.

My heroes in those days were Wyn Davies and David Craig and as a kid I dreamed of pulling on the famous black and white shirt.

I had one training session at New-



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castle, but West Brom appealed to me more. Perhaps it was staying in the hotel in the Midlands — I'd never been away from home and it was all so different and new.

Middlesbrough also came in for me, but by then I'd signed for West Brom — Alan Ashman was the manager then, incidentally.

Mind you, the Robsons are now represented at St. James' Park in the shape of my younger brother, Justin.

There's an interesting story about his name. Mum was pregnant and we went for a holiday in Torquay and there was a little lad in the hotel called Justin. We had a fabulous holiday and mum decided that if she had a boy he'd be called Justin.

He's played a couple of reserve games and apparently the club are pleased with the progress he's making in midfield.



BRYAN ROBSON
Writes for you

It's sad that a soccer-mad area like the North East has been starved of success recently. If either Newcastle or Sunderland were doing well in Division One they'd have 40,000 at home games.

Since being in Manchester I've found that, like in the North East, life seems to revolve around football. It's all the people ever talk about.

I'd have to say the Old Trafford fans are still ahead of those in the North East, because when United were relegated to Division Two they still attracted home gates of 40,000,

ABOVE . . . One of the Roker youngsters, Gordon Chisholm, in action against West Ham.

RIGHT . . . Newcastle skipper Bobby Moncur proudly holds the 1969 Fairs Cup after the defeat of Ujpest Dozsa.

whereas the support of Newcastle and Sunderland dwindled.

There's little to choose between Newcastle and Sunderland — I couldn't say either was THE club in the area. Roker Park is the better ground, but in terms of status they're just about equal, even if Sunderland are in Division One.

I'll be pleased to see Sunderland simply retain their place in the top flight. Alan Durban is getting them organised, but has a big job on his hands.

I can't see any trophies going to the North East in the next two or three years. Even Middlesbrough, who have established themselves in

the First Division, have their backs to the wall after selling so many good players.

Bobby Murdoch obviously has money to spend, but perhaps clubs in the bottom half of the table are finding it hard to get the men they want as other clubs are quoting falsely inflated prices.

At the end of the day the manager has to decide whether the player is worth it . . . or stand by his principles.

From a personal point of view, I'm still living in an hotel while we look for a house. Frank Stapleton was with me, but he's found a place and I may move to another hotel down the road where Trevor Francis and his wife are staying while they're house-hunting.

We may decide to take a rented flat in the meantime, but it's frustrating seeing my family only once a week. Mind you, my fan mail keeps me busy.

I didn't realise just how big a club United are. I've had letters from just about everywhere; many from Norway where the club seems to have a Supporters Club.

I've settled down in the team quite quickly, although I don't go along with those who say my presence is making Ray Wilkins play better.

The manager has been working hard with Ray, who's playing further forward and showing the sort of skill and confidence I knew he could.

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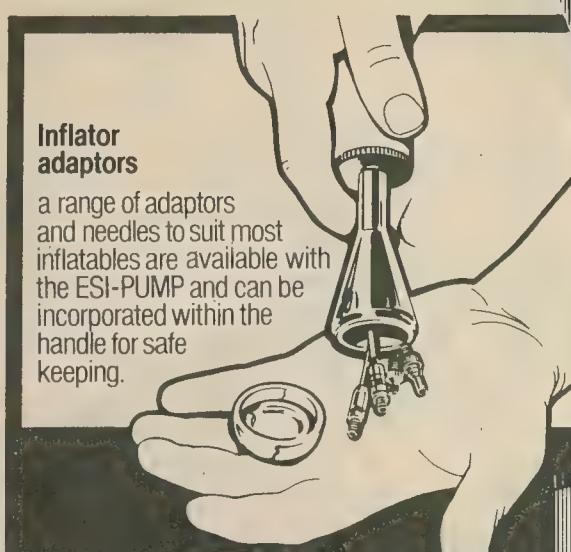
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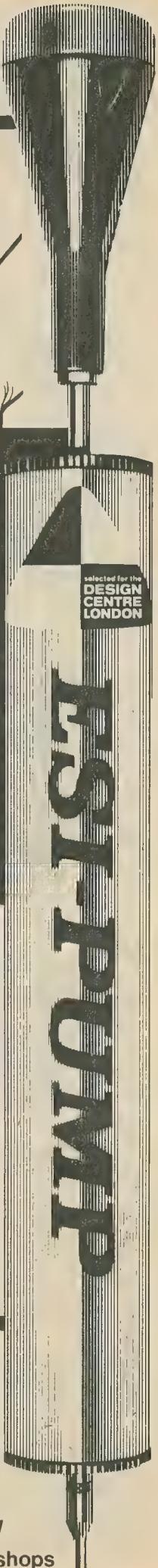
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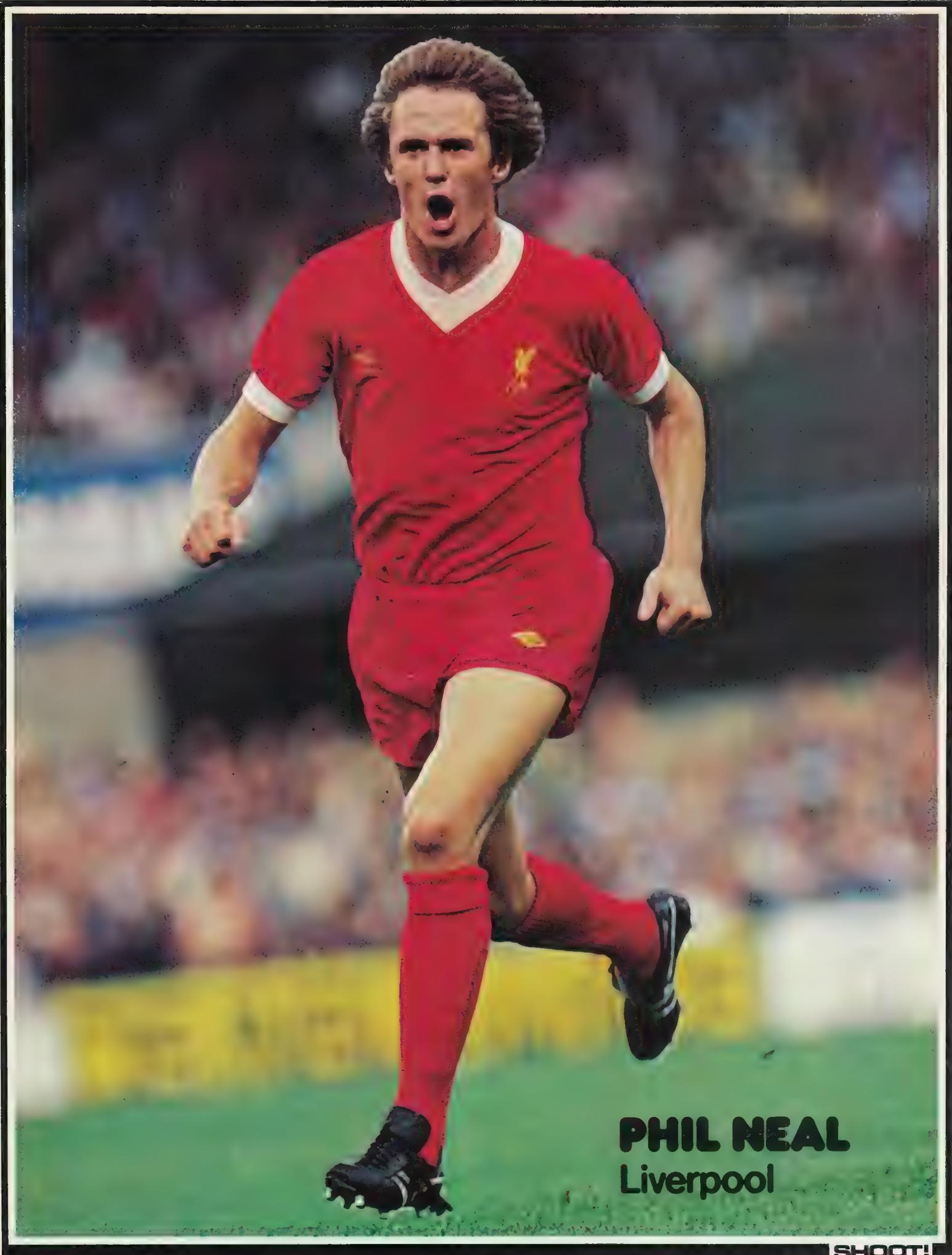


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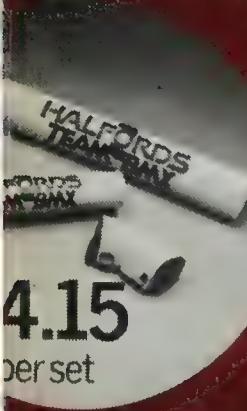
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

OLDHAM Athletic's appearance among the Second Division promotion contenders has surprised a great many people, but not assistant manager Bill Taylor. "I know all about our reputation as the least glamorous team around and, frankly, I'm sick of it," bemoans Taylor, who doubles up as coach to England's international team. "Too many people just dismiss us without giving us a chance, and players from the South won't even think of coming here. But we are a lot better than many people think. We struggled to avoid relegation last season, but lost only one of our last 11 games to pull clear of the danger zone. We have simply continued that impressive form

this time round and now we are seriously looking for promotion."

The nucleus of the Oldham side is built around former Manchester City stars Paul Fitcher, Kenny Clements, Ged Keegan and Roger Palmer.

Kenny and Paul are the best central defenders in Division Two," Taylor says. "Ged was voted our Player of the Year while Roger has more than made up for the loss of Simon Stainrod with some valuable goals."

Taylor, who was himself at Maine Road before making way for Malcolm Allison, admits he looks to his former club when seeking to strengthen the Oldham side.

"City give all their lads a chance, unlike United, who buy all their players. We know that those lads from Maine Road have experience of top-class football and are keen

to get back to the First Division.

The fact that they are local helps, because we don't have to find them new homes and they don't have any problems of settling in to a new area with their families. Despite their new-found success, attendances at Boundary Park remain low, which means money is also tight for manager Jimmy Frizzell.

Which is why a great emphasis is placed on the role of assistant coach and youth team boss Bill Urmsen.

"Bill is the best in the country at his job," insists Taylor. "Our current team has so

many talented young lads who've come through the system — lads like Stephen Blair, Darren McDonough, Paul Heaton, Jim Steel and Paul Atkinson.

"Last season we were able to refuse an offer of £300,000 for Atkinson from Liverpool, and as long as we can hang on to all our young stars we will keep progressing."

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KILLER must be tougher!

BRIAN Kilcline is the man who gives new meaning to the football phrase "giant-killer".

Kilcline, at the heart of Notts County's defence as they bid to defy the bookies who made them favourites to drop back out of the First Division, is known to his team-mates as "Killer".

At six feet four inches tall and with a build to match, Kilcline's certainly got the giant frame to go with his County Ground nickname.

But in Nottingham they reckon the 19-year-old can get bigger and stronger. "Our boss Jimmy Sirrel thinks I still don't play to my full size," says Kilcline. "He wants me to be harder and tougher in the tackle."

Kilcline has already proved his mettle by playing in County's early games despite a serious leg wound.

"I was on holiday in Ibiza, kicked at the sand on the beach — and cut my toe on a brick," Kilcline recalls.

That harmless injury became serious when the wound became infected, and doctors had to cut his leg to clear the problem up. "I had to play with a pad over the cut, and when I ran it was very painful. The longer the game went on the more my foot swelled up. It also meant I couldn't train as hard as I wanted, so fitness has been a problem."

With the courage to defy such an injury Sirrel

is rightly proud of his "Killer". But he still disapproves of the nickname.

"I worry about what a referee might think when he hears it," Sirrel explains. "What happens if he starts looking for fouls and dirty play that aren't there?"

Kilcline's size and jumping ability — he still holds the Nottingham schools high jump record — make it hardly surprising that his strength is in the air.

But Sirrel maintains that Kilcline can play when the ball is on the ground as well.

'Unusual'

"That's what I noticed the first time I saw him," says the Notts County boss. "It's unusual for someone his size to be so good on the ball."

Kilcline, who was only 17 when he made his debut, didn't miss a game during County's campaign to win promotion as Division Two runners-up last season.

And he thinks County can surprise a few people now they have got to the First Division.

"We've got a better side here than a lot of people are willing to give us credit for.

"We've done it once — not many so-called experts thought we would go up, and we did.

"Let's face it — over a long season we wouldn't have won promotion if we weren't good enough — so why shouldn't we now be capable of staying there?"



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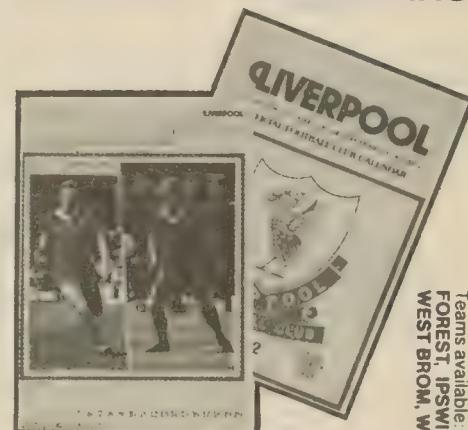
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ANDY King's debut for West Bromwich Albion was at his beloved Goodison Park. As he ran out against his former Everton colleagues, he could not help the odd tear.

"I'm not too proud to admit that," says King. "When I left Everton I never thought I would play at Goodison Park again. It was like a dream."

"If anyone had asked me what my ambition was during my spell with Queens Park Rangers I would have told them, quite simply, to play at Everton again."

"I don't want anyone to take that out of context. After leaving Goodison Park I went through hell. I knew it was a mistake. If I'm as happy with Albion as I was at Everton I won't want for anything else. I'm already in love with the place."

King spent an unhappy time at Loftus Road, never really coming to terms with the Second Division.

"Running out at Cambridge in front of 5,000 supporters as opposed to running out at Old Trafford in front of 50,000 just isn't the same," says King. "And I don't mean any disrespect to Cambridge."

"Running out for a reserve team fixture in front of 500 is worse still!"

"I know a lot of professional footballers say they don't mind where they're playing, but I don't believe that. For me, there's only the First Division."

King's move from Rangers came as a complete surprise. He started



Happy days for Andy King, in action for Everton at Goodison Park.

Gordon's early teams. Eric wanted to change all that.

"I didn't like it, and said so. It's nonsense to talk about me not

KING'S IN LOVE WITH WEST BROM

the season well, scoring three goals in his first four games, but soon found himself back in the reserves.

"I was training one morning when I had a message to go in and see Terry Venables," says King. "My first thoughts were 'What have I done now?'

'Keen'

"Terry told me to telephone Ronnie Allen, who wanted to talk over a possible move. Mr Allen wanted to know whether I was keen to join Albion. I told him I would be in the Midlands in 20 minutes — and that included getting a shower!"

"I watched them play at Ipswich, and signed the next morning."

Mystery has always surrounded King's move from Everton. At last he is prepared to talk bluntly about why he moved on.

"I think maybe I was a little hot-headed. I didn't agree with the way they wanted to play the game under coach Eric Harrison."

"I had been used to getting forward and entertaining in

getting on with Gordon Lee, though. He is one of the warmest, most honest men I've ever met.

"I can't blame Eric totally though. I had other personal problems, and if I had kept my mouth shut I would still have been at Everton today. If I'm honest, there's only one fella that messed things up for me at Everton ... Andy King!

"I still love Liverpool as a city. I spent five very happy years on Merseyside. They call me the chirpy Cockney. I'm not really you know, I'm just a Scouser with a funny accent!"

Ronnie Allen and West Bromwich Albion have given King a new lease of life. This time he is determined not to let it pass him by.

"I would be stupid to do that, wouldn't I?" he asks. "On the evidence of my early matches with Albion I believe we can become a really good side."

"I'm confident they can help me win an England cap. But that would be a bonus. Like I said, I'll settle for a time as good as I had at Everton."



A WEE man in a track suit bawls out advice as though his life depends on the five-a-side game in which he can't resist having the occasional kick himself.

As the players troop wearily towards the dressing room they have to duck beneath the washing hanging out on a line on the terrace.

This is Doncaster Rovers — and these, believe it or not, are exciting times.

The wee man is none other than Billy Bremner, once the bravest of all Scotland's warriors.

In a little over three years Bremner has taken Doncaster from the bottom four of the Fourth Division to the top of the Third, and the promise is that they can go

even higher.

"I don't like to put pressure on by saying we're going to win something, and to be honest I'll be happy to consolidate our position in the Third Division this season, but at least everyone in the town knows we're moving in the right direction," says Bremner.

"What pleases me most is that we have a very young set of play-

ers and some fine youngsters and I think the people of Doncaster realise we are on to something."

"To be honest we have made a better start in the Third Division than I expected, but I don't think we'll keep it up to the extent that we'll be in the running for promotion. I'll settle for a place in the middle of the table this season."

What of Bremner's own ambitions in management? He is already worshipped at Doncaster where secretary Roger Reade says "Billy is quite simply the best manager this club has ever had (including Lawrie McMenemy) and probably will ever have."

'Stronger'

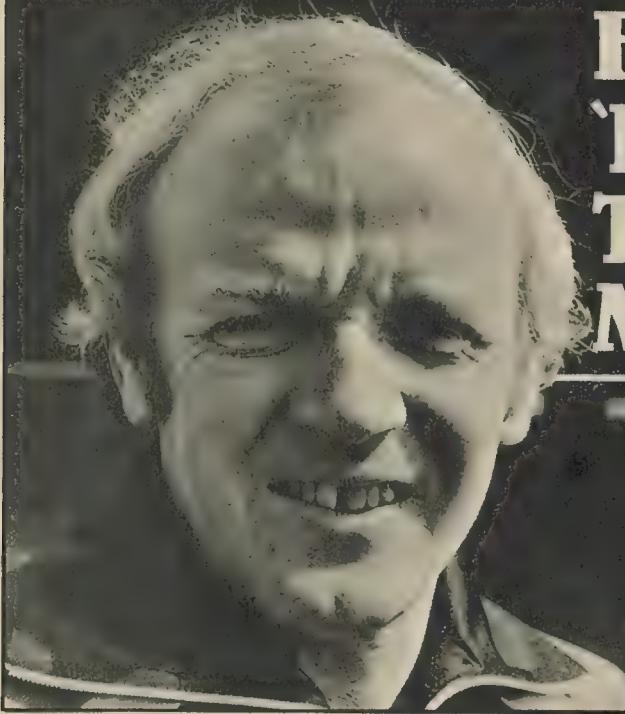
"He has organised everything here, including a scouting system so that local boys don't go to Leeds or Sheffield as they used to. We have a junior supporters club, we have opened a shop and new club offices, and the team is stronger than it has been in most of our lifetimes."

Bremner himself does not disguise the fact that he has a hankering for the big time again.

"I am as ambitious as the next man and, of course, I would love to manage one of the really big clubs. At the same time I am very happy at Doncaster and I owe them everything for giving me my first chance as a manager."

"I'll just settle for the life I'm leading at the moment. We're having a great time at Doncaster and long may it continue."

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Ardiles is chased by
Paulo Isidoro of Brazil
during the Copa de Oro.

What specifically have you found to be the greatest difficulties in playing in England?

ARDILES: I think the factors that make the English League one of the most difficult in the world are the harsh climate and the packed programme.

How do you manage?

ARDILES: Just by carrying on playing really! You play match after match and the excitement just pushes factors like the weather into the background. A great player can play in any conditions and in any country.

Do you agree that the European competitions have a greater aura of excitement than the Copa Libertadores in South America?

ARDILES: Yes, the Copa Libertadores has lost the prestige it had when teams like Santos won it, for example. Now it's degenerated into pure warfare. In Europe perhaps the Continental matches are a little harder than domestic games, but there's no comparison with what goes on in South America.

What about Argentine football?

ARDILES: There's a serious crisis in Argentine football at the moment. The clubs are paying the players more than they can afford. People are not going to matches. So they have to sell some to pay the others. And sometimes clubs don't even pay the wages. It's all tied up with the general economic

OSVALDO Ardiles has not lost any prestige and glamour in the three years he has been at White Hart Lane. The Argentine Press regularly make the long trip from Buenos Aires to keep tabs on his progress, and it's not uncommon to see Ossie's superb ball skills reflected in European sports journals. A leading French magazine recently caught up with Ardiles on his travels and some of his comments were, as usual, intelligent and interesting.

crisis in Argentina. Also, apart from the national team, the level of club football in Argentina is not high. There are very good teams and some brilliant players, but as a spectacle . . . it's getting very difficult to see a good match. Foul after foul, bad tempers . . . there were 180 players sent-off in the League this year!

Even the national team was disappointing in the Copa de Oro in Uruguay . . .

ARDILES: We didn't do badly, actually. Three points out of four with a win against West Germany and a draw against Brazil. But, yes, I was very disappointed with my own performance; Maradona can play better than he did in Montevideo; and Kempes was just a non-starter.

Will you be free to join Menotti's 1982 squad?

ARDILES: Yes, he's been in touch with Tottenham, and I think I'll be available two months before the World Cup starts — if he needs me!

In Europe we're not used to these long training camps. Is it absolutely necessary in Argentina?

ARDILES: I think it's a very good work-out, especially compared with England where the preparation for international matches isn't at all good. The players get together only two or three days before a game, even if it's very important.

They've played a League match on the Saturday and when they arrive at the national team hotel the manager finds that two or three of them have got knocks, and the others are really too tired to be put through proper training sessions and practice games.

Then the 11 players are expected to put it all together as a team on the night. It's very difficult.

Menotti believes (and I agree with him) that it's necessary to spend a good deal of time together and to forge a real team spirit.

There is, these days, so little to choose between a large number of teams that I believe this question of team spirit and the right mentality is the difference between success and failure in the top competitions.

How do you get on with Diego Maradona?

ARDILES: Maradona is the best player in the world at the moment, and probably one of the best in the history of football. It doesn't matter where he goes, there's an aura of excitement, and everybody talks about him.

Would you say that you've got to compete with him for a place in the Argentine team?

ARDILES: You can't compete with him — he's too good. I think everybody accepts his superiority, but in spite of all his fame and fortune he's a very nice person and he isn't at all big-headed.

In Spain all we've got to do is make sure he gets enough of the ball! On the other hand, in Uruguay we perhaps expected him to do it all and forgot that the rest of us can play as well.

This is something we must correct if we're to retain the world title in Spain next year.



England's Peter Shilton and Tony Woodcock in training.



STEVE Chalmers (left) is a former Lisbon Lion and one of the longest serving players Celtic have ever had. These days Steve works in the Pools Office at Parkhead. His son Steve junior plays for the club's reserves and his other son Paul is with Queen's Park. A keen photographer, Steve takes SHOOT behind the scenes on . . .

BIG MATCH



Above: Mary Mills has been at Parkhead for ten years ensuring the players are among the smartest in the Premier League.
Right: Goalkeeper Pat Bonner's match day ritual. He warms in the shower-room, kicking the ball against the tiled wall and catching it.

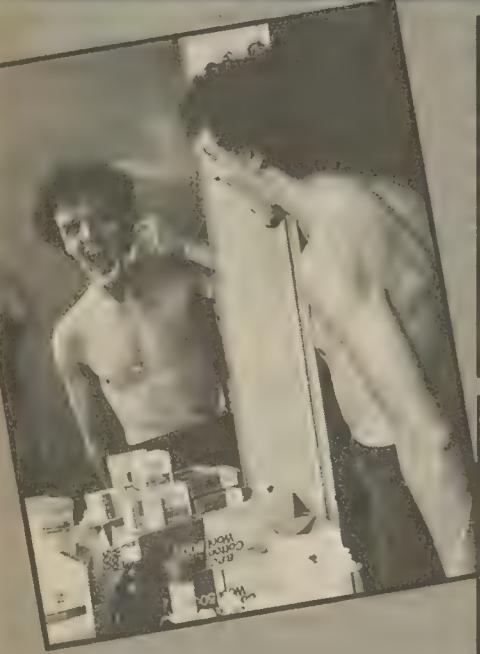


Above: Manager Billy McNeill, assistant John Clark and coach Brian Scott go through the day's opposition, in this case Airdrie.
Left: Referee Kenny Hope from Glasgow checks the studs of Dom Sullivan and George McCluskey.
Below: Ready to go out . . . and a final pep talk from boss McNeill.





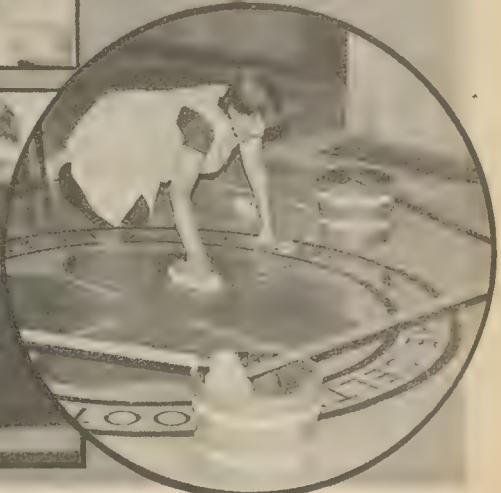
DAY AT CELTIC



Above: Frank McGarvey's match-day superstition . . . shaving and changing into his kit at the very last minute.
Above right: Half-time and a welcome drink of orange for Tom McAdam, Pat Bonner, Danny McGrain, George McCluskey and Roy Aitken.



Below left: The game's over and Celtic have won. A quick change for Murdo MacLeod and a cuppa for Danny McGrain.
Below: The fans have long gone, so have the players and officials. Parkhead is empty . . . save for Mrs Margaret Docherty who cleans up for another day . . . another big match.



TAKE A BREAK IT'S

QUIZ TIME



The Second Round, first-leg ties of the three major European Cup competitions were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the games.

1. Who scored Tottenham's goal in their 1-1 Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Dundalk on his European debut?

2. Malcolm Allison returned to England and led his team from Portugal to a resounding 4-2 win against Southampton at The Dell in the UEFA Cup. What is the name of Mal's club?



3. Gary Shaw, Peter Withe (above) or Tony Morley was Aston Villa's hero with both goals in their European Cup game against Dynamo Berlin in East Germany?

4. Did Liverpool or AZ '67 hold a 2-0 lead before being pegged back to 2-2 in their European Cup game in Holland?

5. Dundee United beat Arges Pitesti 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 in the Cup-Winners' Cup or UEFA Cup?

On the ball Answers

ACROSS: (1) Sir. (3) Luton. (5) Andy. (6) Upshot. (10) Irie. (11) Dunfermline. (12) Dub. (14) Nor (Ron reversed). (15) Rediscovered. (17) Ago. (18) Ninety. (19) Limp. (20) Allan. (22) Key.

DOWN: (1) Sit. (2) Ron Atkinson. (3) Lapse. (4) Eddie. (7) Hampden Park. (8) Hedley. (9) Ingram. (11) Dan. (13) Bus. (15) Regis. (16) Often. (21) Lay.

MANAGERS

1. Who did Ken Knighton replace as manager of Second Division Orient in October?

2. Manchester United have had six managers since the last War. Sir Matt Busby, Wilf McGuinness, Tommy Docherty, Dave Sexton and Ron Atkinson are five ... can you name the other?

3. Bobby Robson, Ipswich Town boss, played for two clubs as a player. One was

in London, the other in the Midlands. Can you name them?

4. Aston Villa supremo Ron Saunders started his Football League management career with Oxford United or Cambridge United?

5. Who is the new manager of Third Division Bristol Rovers?

PAST STARS ...

1. Former Manchester City and England midfield player Colin Bell began his League career with Bolton Wanderers, Birmingham City or Bury?

2. For which clubs did these former stars play ... (a) Jimmy Dickinson, (b) Ronnie Clayton and (c) Billy Wright?

3. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of an ex-Glasgow and Scotland player ... MJIXRTEBA.

4. Billy Bremner, Doncaster Rovers manager, starred for Leeds

United and Scotland as a player. He was voted Footballer of the Year in 1968-69, 1969-70 or 1970-71?

5. Is it true that Bobby Charlton (below) scored more goals for England than Jimmy Greaves?



TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Motherwell play their home Scottish First Division fixtures at Fir Park.

2. Italy have won the World Cup only once, in 1934.

3. Tommy Hutchison of Manchester City is a full Scotland international player.

4. Leicester City beat Stoke City 4-3 on aggregate to win the 1963-64 Football League Cup.

5. Stuart Boam is manager of Fourth Division Bury.

— he is boss of Mansfield.
1. True. 2. False — they won it again in 1938. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False

TRUE OR FALSE
1. Gareth Crooks. 2. Sporting Lisbon. 3. Morley. 4. Liverpool. 5. 3-0 in

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1. Paul Wrotti. 2. Frank O'Farrell. 3. Fulham and West Brom. 4. Oxford

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1. Peter Withe. 2. Bobby Gould.

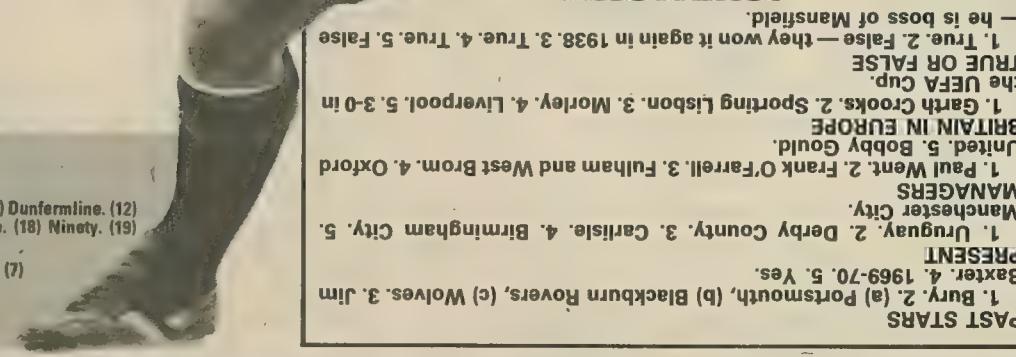
PRESIDENT
1. Derby County. 2. Carlisle. 4. Birmingham City. 5.

MANCHESTER CITY
1. Unigra. 2. Portsmouth. (b) Blackburn Rovers. (c) Wolves. 3. Jim

Baxter. 4. 1969-70. 5. Yes.

PAST STARS
1. Bury. 2. (a) Portsmouth. (b) Blackburn Rovers. (c) Wolves. 3. Jim

ANSWERS:



IAN Wallace has sold his Coventry home. Not, you might think, the most explosive revelation in this magazine's history, but to Brian Clough, Peter Taylor and Nottingham Forest's supporters it is the news they have been longing to hear.

Wallace, a flame-haired Glaswegian with an instinct for scoring goals, has come to terms with the challenge facing him at Forest and has already proved this season that the sharpness and skill that persuaded Clough to pay Coventry City £1½ million for him 15 months ago was a wise investment.

"My wife Carol and I have been living in rented accommodation for a few months," Wallace explained: "We have decided to buy a house in the Nottingham area."

These sentiments are the seal Forest were hoping for, proof that Wallace is approaching his game, and his role in the side, with a fresh attitude.

Wallace arrived in a blaze of publicity. His goalscoring form with Coventry earned him three full Scotland caps and the promise of more to come. People made premature, but nonetheless flattering comparisons with Denis Law. Wallace seemed destined to climb quickly and dramatically.



But his arrival at the City Ground coincided with a period which, by their own high standards, was one of disappointment for Clough and Taylor.

The European Cup winning side broke up. Garry Birtles went to Manchester United and this season, much to local disgust, Trevor Francis joined Manchester City.

Somehow Wallace lost his edge as he struggled with a variety of striking partners. But the arrival of big Justin Fashanu from Norwich has brought a burst of enthusiasm

from the little Scot.

"I need to play alongside a big striking partner in the penalty area," he said: "My Coventry pairing with Mick Ferguson was ideal and I am looking for the same kind of duo with Justin."

"We have a lot of hard work to do together. We have not hit it off

as a pair just yet, but it is early days. Justin is big, strong and takes a lot of stick from defenders. But he also creates havoc in the box. He enables me to pounce on the crumbs and that is something I am good at. I have proved it more than once."

In fact it is all too easy to forget the fact that Wallace finished last season as Forest's top scorer with

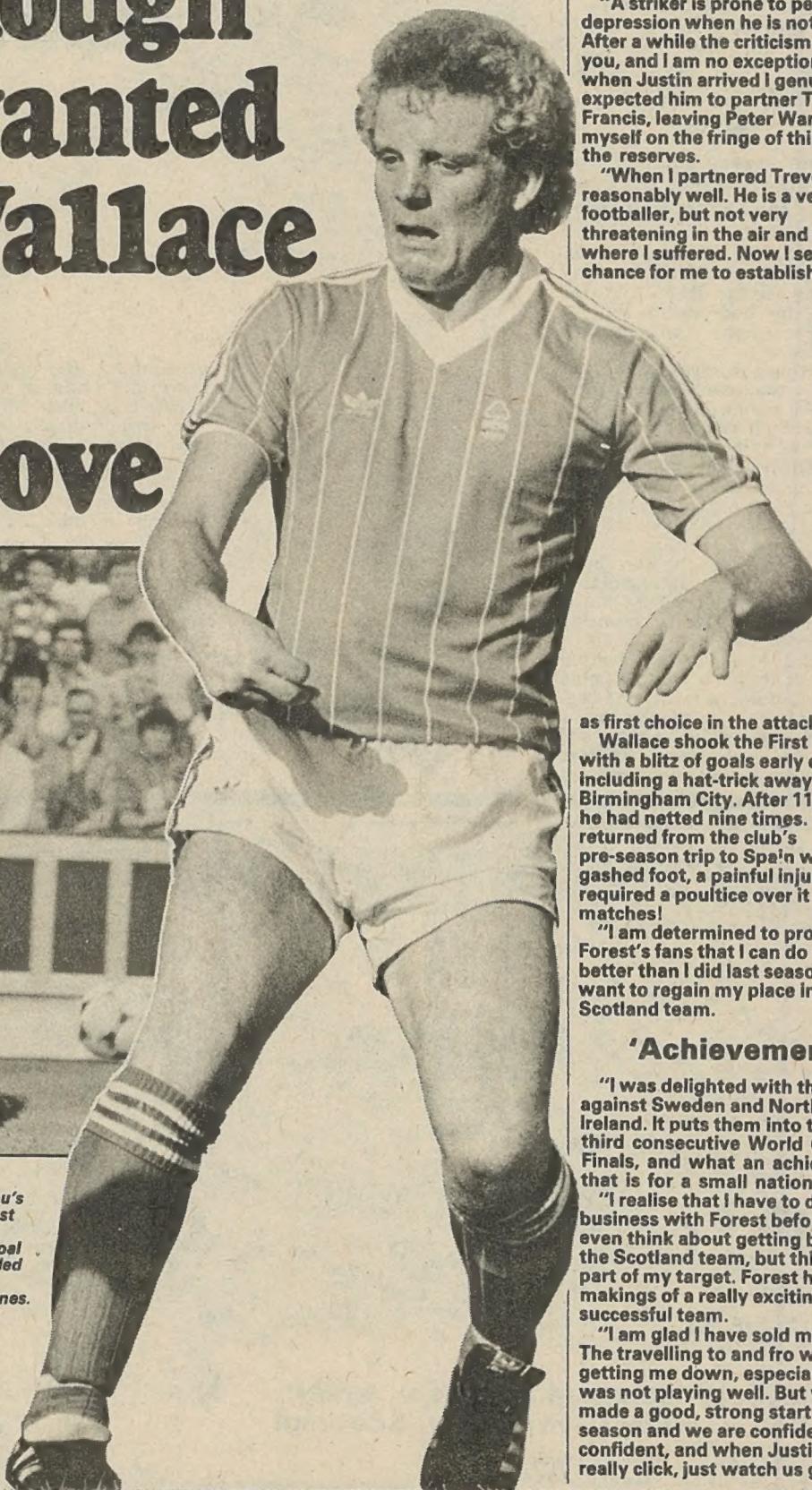
13 goals, 11 in the First Division from 37 games. It says something about the confusion that reigned among the strikers that fans need reminding of this and that Wallace did not have such a moderate season after all.

"I was unhappy with my form. I had to conform to a new system and it took some getting used to. On top of that, last season was not one of Forest's better ones by recent comparison.

"A striker is prone to periods of depression when he is not scoring. After a while the criticism gets to you, and I am no exception. Then when Justin arrived I genuinely expected him to partner Trevor Francis, leaving Peter Ward and myself on the fringe of things, or in the reserves.

"When I partnered Trevor we did reasonably well. He is a very gifted footballer, but not very threatening in the air and this was where I suffered. Now I see a great chance for me to establish myself

Clough wanted Wallace to move



as first choice in the attack."

Wallace shook the First Division with a blitz of goals early on, including a hat-trick away to Birmingham City. After 11 games he had netted nine times. Yet he returned from the club's pre-season trip to Spain with a gashed foot, a painful injury that required a poultice over it during matches!

"I am determined to prove to Forest's fans that I can do much better than I did last season. And I want to regain my place in the Scotland team.

Achievement

"I was delighted with the results against Sweden and Northern Ireland. It puts them into their third consecutive World Cup Finals, and what an achievement that is for a small nation.

"I realise that I have to do the business with Forest before I can even think about getting back in the Scotland team, but this is all part of my target. Forest has the makings of a really exciting and successful team.

"I am glad I have sold my house. The travelling to and fro was getting me down, especially as I was not playing well. But we have made a good, strong start to this season and we are confident. I am confident, and when Justin and I really click, just watch us go."

Justin Fashanu's arrival at Forest has given Ian Wallace the goal boost he needed to revive his flagging fortunes.

'FRIGHTENING CITY'

ASA Hartford's move back to Manchester City ended months of speculation.

The Scottish international, who left Maine Road in January 1979, had been linked with a return to his former stamping

ground ever since John Bond stepped into the managerial spot vacated by Malcolm Allison.

It was Allison who originally dispensed with Hartford's services, believing him too old to fit into the empire he had visions of. An empire that subsequently crumbled.

It is an open secret that City's dynamic chairman, Peter Swales, felt that selling Hartford was a mistake. So in early October, Hartford went home after spells with Nottingham Forest and Everton.

"It's great to be back," says Hartford. "I've signed a three-year contract which will give me the security I was looking for."

"Ironically, had Everton been prepared to offer a contract of that length when I approached them at the start of the season, I probably wouldn't be here now."

Howard Kendall, the Everton boss, felt that the best he could offer Hartford was a one-year extension to the existing contract.

Faced with losing him at the end of the season, when Hartford would have moved under freedom



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HARTFORD

opinion, he destroyed the old regime at City too quickly. Players like myself, Dave Watson and Mike Channon knew within two or three weeks that we weren't wanted.

"I was very surprised, though, when he sold Peter Barnes and Gary Owen. I thought they were young enough, and good enough, to play a major part in the City that Malcolm was trying to build.

"But that's my opinion. Malcolm was paid to take decisions.

"I'm back now, and determined to make a go of it."

Hartford's previous five-year spell at Maine Road produced only one medal, from the League Cup Final in 1976. Now he wants to win more.

"John Bond has assembled a squad of frightening strength," says Hartford. "Obviously we're missing Trevor Francis, but it's great to have him at the club.

'Battle'

"There's going to be a fascinating battle for honours going on in Manchester over the next few years.

"Both United and ourselves have had a lean time in recent seasons, but John Bond and Ron Atkinson, two larger-than-life characters, appear to be on the right lines."

At 31, Hartford could have been forgiven for thinking that his playing days for Scotland were over.

"Between November 1979 and March of this year I didn't win a cap. In fact, I was hardly in the squad," says Hartford.

"But I've been involved again recently, and captained the side during our last game, when we qualified for the World Cup Finals with that goalless draw in Belfast.

"Like nearly every other Scot, I'm hopeful now of going to Spain for the Finals."

Some vintage form back at Maine Road will do Hartford's chances a power of good.

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FULL NAME: Peter William Daniel

BIRTHPLACE: Hull

BIRTHDATE: December 12, 1955

HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins

WEIGHT: 11st 2lbs

MARRIED: Yes, to Pam

CHILDREN: Son Christopher, aged one.

CAR: Audi 80 GLE

PREVIOUS CLUB: Hull City

JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Painter and decorator

NICKNAME: Barney

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:

Wayne Clarke (Wolves)

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Leeds United

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Jimmy Greaves

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:

Cricket — playing as well as watching

OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE: Geoffrey Boycott

YOUR BEST EVER ALL-TIME XI:

Banks, Vogts, Breitner, Beckenbauer, Moore, Bremner,

Brady, Cruyff, Best, Pele, Greaves.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

League Cup Final victory over Nottm. Forest in 1980

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Breaking right leg v Aston Villa Feb 28, 1981

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Tony Currie, now at Q.P.R.

RIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:

Spurs

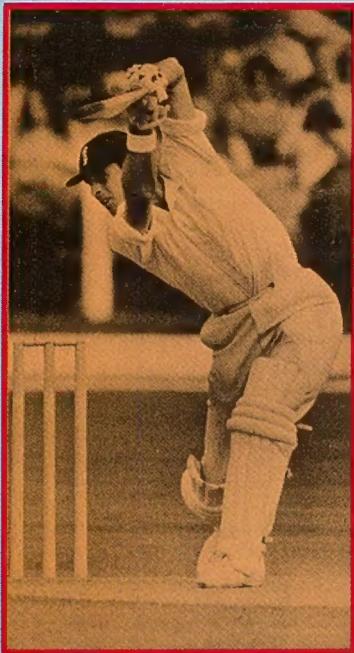
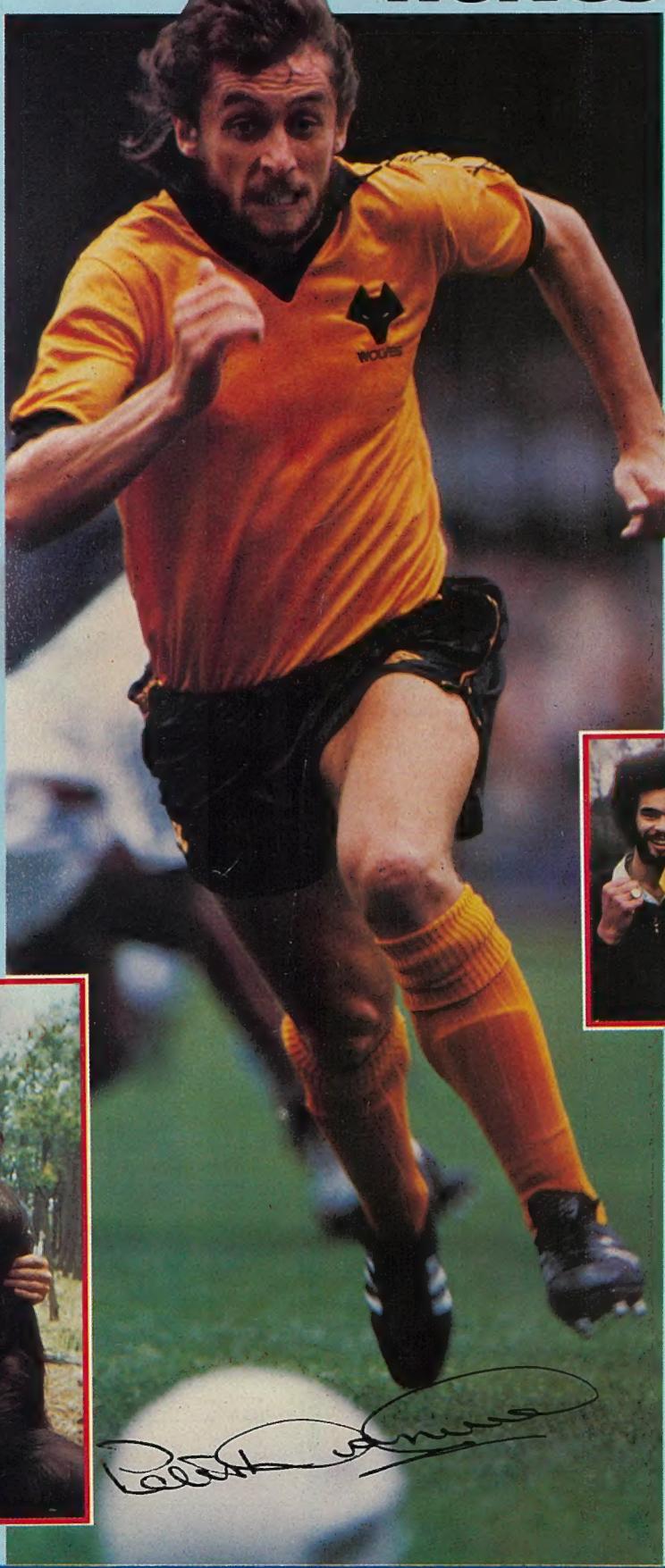
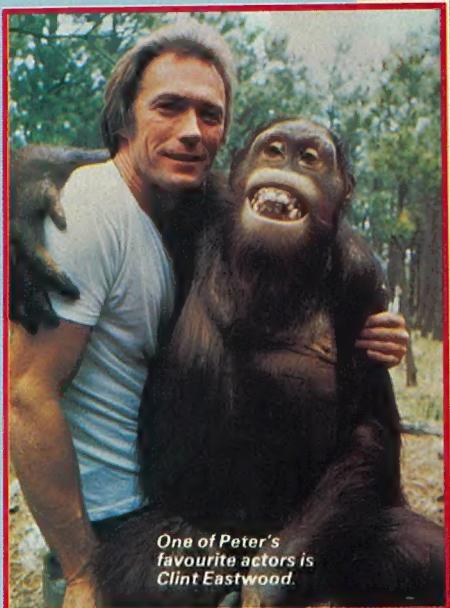
BEST STADIUMS PLAYED IN:

There are two — Wembley and the Olympic Stadium, Rome

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Halibut steak and salads/Tetley bitter

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .

DISLIKES: Driving, visiting family and friends back home, listening to



Geoff Boycott.

music . . . Ignorant people, cigarette smoke

FAVOURITE SINGERS: ELO, Pink Floyd, most records in the top 40

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood, Charles Bronson

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Malta

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Survival, Not The Nine O'Clock News

BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: Death Wish

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Going out for the day and enjoying a meal and a few drinks

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, who always



encouraged me; John Kaye and Andy Davidson at Hull because they taught me a lot in my early career; John Barnwell and Richie Barker at Wolves because I learned a lot from them when I changed from full-back to midfield

SUPERSTITIONS: Always come out last

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs on toast

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Seven England Under-21 caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: Security for my family

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Probably would still be a painter and decorator, who knows?

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Hope to stay in the game either as a coach or manager

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Geoff Boycott (and bowl him out!!)